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Miss. House Boston
Jan. 6. 1859

Rev. A. Gleason
Seneca.

Dear Brother

I have received your letter of Dec 14th, Mrs. G's of ~~Dec~~ no date, and Mr Wright's of Dec. 24. As the last related mainly to your matters, I will acknowledge the three in one epistle.

First. I will speak of the appropriations. We allow $935 for Bro. Wright's station, according to the estimates. We allow you $875, including $100 for [illegible]. We have not put any thing into the allowance, to aid you in the matter of the wagon. We are to be in a tight place all the year; and so are obliged to calculate very closely. But if the wagon is a necessity, we will try to grapple with it. If you have a word of entreaty or exhortation, in this regard, say on; we will hear you.

I am glad that you can write so cheerfully. You have, and will have, many causes of thankfulness. If we get down low enough we can always find these. One of my old elders in New Jersey, Father [illegible], was suffering severely from rheumatism, when I said to him that after all he had much to be thankful for. "Yes," said he, "I ought to be thankful that I am out of hell". Good, humble soul! If we have his self-loathing, we shall have but little trouble with the world.

But I am sure that you will see bright skies at Cattaraugus. We always expect to hear good news from our missions after bad news. Such things seem to revolve in cycles.

My two youngest boys joined the church last Sab. The others had done so before. I have reason to be joyful in God. I was kept at home by a touch of rheumatism; but I rejoiced that I could not feel disappointed in view of God's great mercy.

Most affectionate regard to all & all your family, Mrs [illegible]!

Very truly yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 7. 1859.

Rev. J. Potter,
Allegany.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 25th ult. I have duly received & read, with pleasure. I hope most sincerely that the work on Cornplanter Reservation will prove to be wholly of the Lord; & not only so, but that it will react upon your Reservation. Perhaps the Allegany Indians may obtain a quickening from this quarter, which will be of permanent value.

I am glad to hear that the Old town people are so ready to welcome Mr Pierce. May his going to them be in the fullness of the blessings of the gospel! Please to assure of my deep interest in his work; & ask him to report to me from time to time whatever may be of use in giving me a better knowledge of the work there.

You may have expected to hear from me in regard to the appropriations before this time. The action of the Comee was late, owing to the want of information in regard to one or two points of Cattaraugus. Your station is allowed $840 & $650 are allowed for Old Town, that is $400 to J. H. Pierce, with $50 for his horse, & $200 to Jas. Pierce.

We have the prospect of a hard year financially; hence we must ask our missionaries to let us off as easily as possible. The interest is greatly depressed; & business is not active at the East. But God has some good design in all this matter.

We have not heard from the Choctaw mission as yet. They will probably do nothing towards releasing us from the embarrassments of our position. But my belief is that they will not be connected with us at the end of 1859. We shall see.

Kind regards to Mrs. P. & all with you.

Fraternally Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Jany 18th 1859

Rev. J. P. Durbin D.D.
New York City

Revd Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 15th, with the accompanying papers, did not reach me till this A.M. I have conferred with our Chairman, Hon. Wm. J. Hubbard, & reply without waiting for any action of our Com.

We have received several communications from persons, who are or have been in Oregon, in respect to the Dalles property; but we have heard nothing from our missionary. The next Oregon mail, I presume, will bring us something, that will explain matters which we do not fully understand.

In these circumstances we think it the part of prudence to wait for the mail to which I have referred. As soon as we become fully possessed of the case, I will write to you.

The letters which I have received

speak of the [illegible] note as still standing against us. Will you have the goodness to inform me what has become of this note?

I am, as ever

very respectfully

yours

S. B. Treat

Missn House Boston

Jan 18. 1859

Rev. [illegible]

Burlington Io.

Rev & Dear Sir,

Your letters of Jan 6 & 13th I have duly rec'd & I thank you for the interest which you have taken in our matters.

I have not rec'd any communication from your missionary; a long letter from Mr. [illegible] has reached me, however, as also one from Genl McCarver. This [illegible] I have found on my desk a communication from Dr Dunbar, in which he asks a quitclaim deed, & he sends an affidavit from Mr. [illegible], in which he declares that he made a deed to the mother & to Genl McCarver through a misapprehension of the facts, assuming Mr Pearson's statement to be correct. Dr Dunbar is quite urgent that we quitclaim immediately. I now write to him, however, that we prefer to hear from our missionary.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 18. 1859

Rev S. H. Marsh
Burlington. Vt.

Rev & Dear Sir.

Your letters of Jan 1. & 13 I have duly rec'd & I thank you for the interest which you have taken in our matters.

I have not rec'd any communication from our missionaries; a long letter from Mr Atkinson has reached me, however; as also one from Gen'l McCarver. This A.M. I have found in my box a communication from Dr Dunbar, in which he asks a quitclaim deed, & he sends an affidavit from Mr. Kelly, in which he declares that he made a deed (with his brother) to Gen'l McCarver through a misapprehension of the facts, assuming Mr Pearne's statement to be correct. Dr Dunbar is quite urgent that we quit claim immediately. I have written to him, however, that we prefer to hear from our missionaries.

I must confess to you, however, that I do not see how we can refuse, in the end, to execute the quit claim. You have assumed at the Miss. House, "all along," that we had no interest at the Dalles, but that the Methodists had. And whatever we might have had, in the course of our remaining there, I made an official declaration to this effect last summer, that Dr. Durbin might use it at Washington. Our missionaries have never entertained any thing to the contrary of this. I apprehend, therefore, that we shall be bound in honor to relinquish all claim to the property in question.

Very respectfully &
sincerely yours,

S. B. Treat

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Miss. House, Boston,
Jan. 19, '59

Rev. Wm. L. Mather,
Fond du Lac.

Rev. & Dear Sir

Your favor of the 14th I have received; but I cannot say that I have read it with pleasure. The course of Mr. Brunkerhoff has given us a good deal of trouble. He has always had a singular facility for getting into debt; & though we have felt for some time that he was accomplishing but little, we have been obliged, quite too frequently for our comfort, to pay his debts. It was his own proposition to leave professions for the Wisconsin[illegible], & he what I have stated in the publication of the Herald I have said on his authority. My brother found your letter that what [illegible] supposed [illegible] true [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] things. Of course [illegible] have neither responsibility, & in respect to matter.

I have [illegible] no reason [illegible] complain: [illegible] plenty [illegible], as a Christian [illegible]; but I cannot think of him a perfect [illegible] manager. [illegible] [illegible] very liberally [illegible] along. We have paid him his salary to July 1, '59 & we have given him $100 to enable him to afford his [illegible] some addition. He regarded the allowance as generous, & [illegible] paper [illegible] thank the [illegible] [illegible] again. May we [illegible] to do, in view of his [illegible] [illegible] extra [illegible] in past years.

The case thus seems to be this: Mr. [illegible] who has rec'd [illegible] extra [illegible] in past years, [illegible] [illegible] his [illegible] & remove to a new home, [illegible] provision therefor on our part; & he [illegible] the allowance would [illegible] have been out. Ought we to do anything in such circumstances? He might say that he has [illegible] debts, [illegible]; but those debts [illegible] be expected.

— I could give you a history of his financial operations that would surprise you — a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], a family of eleven. His [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] presence. Why is not that son required to take care of himself? [illegible] [illegible].

I think you will agree with me that [illegible] O[illegible] has put himself [illegible] against me. Still I am authorized by the [illegible] Council to say, that if your [illegible] in your [illegible], cooperating with the Board, think, that after [illegible] long & [illegible] [illegible] of the Board, its [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] not [illegible]. Myself, therefore, in view of all the circumstances, yet I think that we should give something to aid Mr O[illegible] will authorize you to contribute to his relief, without his knowledge, to [illegible], say $[illegible]0, & you may draw on the Treasurer to the amount. If a severe (pinch should occur, we will [illegible] you [illegible] to write to us again.)

Very truly yrs
S. B. Treat

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Mass. House, Boston,
[illegible]

Rev. A. P. [illegible],
[illegible]

Dear Brother.

I owe you an apology for my [illegible] the [illegible] communications [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] I am [illegible] find that [illegible] at fault. [illegible] a few [illegible] letters [illegible] that [illegible] the [illegible]

Very respectfully,

Your [illegible] I hope you will [illegible]

L. B. Trent

[illegible] the [illegible] Prime published a few weeks since.

Very truly [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston

Rev. Mr. Hopkins,
Williamstown.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 16th I have received to day. I send herewith a copy of the Choctaw letter. Last Tuesday it was laid before the Com., but there was no discussion. The matter is grave & difficult, & should be maturely considered. I do not propose to bring it forward for final action just yet.

The general bent of my thoughts is toward an acceptance of the resignation. Much caution will be needed in replying to the letter; but I think it can be done. I see no other way in which the "Com." can "right" themselves.

Your suggestions will be fully considered, & if you have any new light, I hope you will favor us with it.

The [illegible] letter, Sept. 6 '56, is the one which Prime published a few weeks since.

Very truly yrs, S. B. Treat

Mass. House Boston
Jan 21. 59

Hon L. Child
Lowell, Ms

Dear Friend

I send herewith a copy of the Charter, letter &c. Some time before we act, I shall wish to see you. But we shall not be in haste.

My present inclination is to accept the resignation, it will be difficult [illegible] the letter; but some things be done probably that will answer the end.

Dr Hopkins [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & the Board. It seems to me that the Coll. should "right" itself in view of Poor's [illegible] affairs;

Very truly [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 22. '59

Rev S. L. Hobbs
Choctaw Mission

Dear Brother,

I have been hoping to receive a letter from you in regard to the slavery question. The mission, as you know, decline doing any thing on the subject. Hence it will be for the Com^a or the Board to say whether the mission shall continue in its present form. I am not sure as to what will be done.

I think it not improbable that we shall accept the resignation of the [illegible] brethren. That will leave you & Mr Chamberlain still in connexion with us; & I suppose it would be nothing to hinder your acting in full accordance with the Board on the subject of slavery, & abide the consequences. If so, I think there would be no objection to your continuing with us. So far as we are concerned. What reasons there may be for a different course at your end of the line, I know not. That point you will yourself consider of course.

When I [illegible] [illegible] desire to communicate, Mrs. Gordon writing for Rev. J. H. Warner from Lebanon N.H. [illegible] at Lowell [illegible] [illegible] to see you. She was here a few days since, and [illegible] renewed desire to see you. Her health is so poor that she is not able to come to Boston again, and Mr. Gordon thinks if you knew the above stated facts you could stop on your way home & thus save a journey up to Lowell.

She is at the corner of Chapel & Union St. Lowell. [illegible] of importance, [illegible] that I know of.

Very respectfully yours

Calvin [illegible] Chapin

Missionary House, Boston,
Nov. 3. 1859.

Rev. S. B. Treat
Concord N. H.

Dear Sir

Mr. Gordon says that Mrs. Rev. L. H. Wheeler from Odanah Wis. is in Lowell Mass, and wishes very much to see you. She was here a few days since, and this morning Rev. J. C. Smith (Cyr.) brings her renewed desire to see you. Her health is so poor that she is not able to come to Boston again, and Mr. Gordon thinks if you knew the above stated facts you could stop on your way home & thus save a journey up to Lowell.

She is at the corner of Chapel & Union Sts Lowell. All well here. No news of importance, that I know of.

Very respectfully Yours
Calvin H. Chapin

Missionary House, Boston,
Feb. 3. 1859.

Rev. Dr. Bouton
Concord N.H.

Dear Sir

If you can place the enclosed note in Mr. Treat's hands you will greatly oblige us here. I dont know where he is to stop in Concord — but presume you may get this into his possession in some way.

Very truly Yours
C. N. Chapin

P.S. If he does not come to Concord the note is of no consequence — It is a request for him to stop at Lowell + visit Mrs. Rev. L. H. Wheeler, on his way home.

C. N. C.

[illegible]

Feb'y [illegible] '59

Col. [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Brother

I would [illegible]

[illegible]

your [illegible]

[illegible]

to the [illegible] of our

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Very respectfully

To day a box of [illegible]

[illegible] has been [illegible]

[illegible] for you [illegible]

the [illegible]

they want for their own

use, which [illegible]

[illegible] Some [illegible]

[illegible] for the children [illegible]

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Miss. House Boston
Feb. 17. 59

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca.

Dear Brother

Some time since I directed a box to be sent to you, containing clothing & books. I did not apprise you of it, as I was not myself informed of its actual despatch till quite recently. I hope you have rec'd it safely.

To day a box of 157 summer hats has been sent to Evans Centre for you. I wish you to give the mission family what they may want for their own use, & keep the rest for the boarding school. Some will answer for the children. Some

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I have no doubt, you can exchange for articles which will be of use to you. Dispose of them as may seem best.

Dr Pomroy is in England, you know; & Dr. Anderson is absent on account of his poor health. Hence I am left for [illegible] of Pomroy.

Kind regards to all. Trust all well with you.

Very fraternally yours,

S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
Feb. 22. '59

Miss C. A. Hancock
Choctaw Nation

Dear Miss H.

Your kind favor of the 14th Dec. I duly rec'd & for the information which it contains. I should have noticed its advent sooner, had I not been very busy. I read it with a good deal of pleasure; & I shall always be happy to hear from you.

The Comee have granted your request; & you are formally released from your connection with the Board. I trust, however, that you will still think of us in our great work, & pray that the divine blessing may rest upon us in all our efforts.

As I was once at Good Water, I have a pleasant memory of my visit there. Some who greeted me, are not, for the Lord hath taken them. May we be prepared to follow them.

The Choctaw [illegible] are very jealous of them.

Very affectionately yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
May [illegible]

Rev. T. S. Williamson,
Dakotas.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Jan. 20th is before me. I thank you for the information which it contains, and your opinion in regard to the slavery question has a good deal of force. I hope the final adjustment will give you satisfaction.

In justice to those who advocate the expediency course, it may be said, & should be said, that the case is one of a good deal of difficulty.

We are not to forget the [illegible] of the pure blooded Choctaws, who have no slaves, & have no special love for slavery. It is for these, especially, that our missionaries are solicitous; and in order to do the best thing for them, they are obliged to practice some reserve. Slaveholders, in the Choctaw country, or outside of it, are very jealous of them.

S. B. Treat

2. The missionaries are more anti-slavery than they appear to be, judging from what they publish to the world. If they would let me publish all that I know, I could make out a good case; but this would expose them to the Slave power, & deprive the full blooded Choctaws of their labors.

Indeed, there is our dilemma. We have a pretty good case, but we cannot avail ourselves of it. The case, as it stands before the world, is not a good one. Is it strange, therefore, that some should think that the expediency ground is the safest for the Board to occupy.

I hope, however, that the dissolution will not come in this way. I have considerable confidence that the public will be generally satisfied.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. W. & all your family, including especially your sister.

Yours very fraternally

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 3. '59

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakotas.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Oct. 27 was duly rec'd as you will infer from seeing most of it in print. I read it with great pleasure. It would seem as if the Dakotas had really determined to be men. I hope they will aim to be better than many white men.

Some time since I rec'd from the Editors of the Atlantic an article which you sent to them, & which they have returned to me. They speak kindly of the essay, but think that it is not suited to their periodical. I should have expected this from what I know of the men.

I should have sent the article to you at an earlier day; but I have been very busy of late. In fact I am working quite up to my power of endurance, & so am obliged to be a little dilatory at times.

Miss. House, Boston,
March 4. '59

I am always glad to hear from you or yours. Though I may prove but an indifferent correspondent, during Dr. Lowrie's absence, I trust that you will not slacken your fidelity in this regard.

You will be pleased to learn that my three sons (all my children) have joined the Church. The two younger may be missionaries; but the future is in the hands of God.

Affectionate regards to Mr and Mrs Riggs, & the children, with all my Indian friends. Some of those faces I have daguerreotyped on my memory, & believe that I shall never lose them.

My dear sir, yours fraternally

S. B. Treat.

The books were sent as follows, viz:

Mr. Byington	100	
" Edwards	1090	— in stock 400.
" C. Kingsbury	97	
" J. P. Kingsbury	1289	
" Copeland	1002	in trunk 50.
Dr. Hobbs	500	= 4970.
		— 4970.

Miss. House, Boston,
March 4. '59

To the Choctaw Mission

Dear Brethren,

It is proper that I should apprise you of the disposition which has been made of the hymn book. The whole edition you will receive as soon as they can reach you, except 30 copies retained at the Miss. House.

I am not sure that the binding will meet the wants of all; & the distribution, I fear, is not what it should be in all respects. The latter, however, you can correct by an inter-change of books. Indeed, if all the boxes go to Doaksville, I would suggest that you make a re-distribution there.

The books are sent as follows, viz:

Mr. Byington	100	
" Edwards	1090	– in sheep 400.
" C. Kingsbury	989	
" J. P. Kingsbury	1289	
" Copeland	1002	– in tucks 50.
Dr. Hobbs	500	– 497.
	—— 4970.	

Mr Edwards sent directions to Mr. Gordon in regard to the binding, which came too late. I have endeavored to secure good binding; & with the 5 Also Home Book in boards & the 4 in full sheep I hope you will suffer no special inconvenience.

If another edition shall be called for soon, I would suggest that we not only prepare the book for stereotyping, but that you agree, at the same meeting, how you want the books bound, & where & when you desire them to be sent. [illegible] a good deal of our most [illegible] our efforts in [illegible] this [illegible] our earnest [illegible] with [illegible] heavy [illegible].

S. B. Treat.

I sympathize deeply with you in the loss of your little daughter. I, too, had but one daughter, & she was taken from us when nearly eleven years old. It was a heavy trial; & the memory of its bitterness is not effaced, even now, after the lapse of nearly 17 years.

But I have found it good to be afflicted; & I doubt not you have had the same experience. Your Christian character

Miss. House Boston,
March 4 '59

Rev. O. P. Stark,
Choctaw Nation,

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Oct 15. I have not acknowledged before, in consequence of my manifold engagements. Dr. Pomeroy, you know has gone to visit Europe, & I take his department; & one of this, in such times as the present, gives me a good deal of perplexity. In spite of all we can do, our efforts will very probably result in the close of our current financial year with a [illegible]. Had heavy debts.

I sympathize deeply with you in the loss of your little daughter. I have had but one daughter, & she was taken from me when she was nearly seven years old. It was a sorely trial; & the memory of its bitterness has not ceased, even now, after the lapse of nearly 17 years.

But I have found it good to be afflicted; & I doubt not you have had the same experience. For Christian character can be symmetrical without this element. Patient endurance of trial, in its manifold, & ever changing forms, is what we all need to cultivate. Hence we may say, "Blessed be trial!" Not [illegible] joyous, but grievous at first; but afterward [illegible] it yieldeth delightful fruit.

We have not decided what to do in the matter of your relations to the Board of Trustees. The question assumes a very grave aspect. [illegible] so called shape, and one must take or refuse. That I should have been so mixed up therewith the subject, I regard as one of [illegible] those deep misfortunes of my life. I objected strongly to being chosen Cor. Sec. of the Board; but I had no intimation that I was expected to take the [illegible] business. Had I foreseen that I was to be troubled with endless vexatious questions, in case of my acceptance, I should have made my refusal peremptory & final. Now, however, the problem must be worked out according to the light which is given to us. I presume Wendell agreed to attending to the field in [illegible]. I am not now [illegible] [illegible].

I sincerely hope that the health of Aunt Edwards will contribute to her means, that she may be able to do

Miss. House, Boston,
March 4. '59

Rev. J. Edwards,
Choctaw Mission

Dear Brother

Your letters of Dec. 11 & Jan. 13, I have not acknowledged. Having the Home Department on my hands, I am obliged to write less than I could wish to the Indian missions.

I send herewith a letter to the mission in reference to the hymn books. It will show just what you may expect; only the binding is not in accordance with your last letter to Mr. Gordon. You were a little too late.

The place of Miss Lovell will not be for us to supply. The Supt & trustees request us to give up the schools, & I presume the Comee will comply. In fact, I see not how they can do otherwise.

I sincerely hope that the health of Mrs Edwards will continue to improve, that she may be able to do

much for the Choctaws, as if not for
them, at least for the Church & the
world. I presume I shall see him
Messrs. [illegible]
in Philadelphia.

Wheelock
Kind regards to all at your
station. Christian salutations to the
Choctaws

As ever, very affectionately
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
March 4. '59

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choct. Mission

Begging to ac-knowledge your letters of Nov. 22 & Dec. 14, enclosing receipts with the necessary letter in reply to ours of Oct. 5. You will have expected an earlier notice here; circumstances [illegible] but the absence of Sec. Pomeroy at this time, especially when we need money so much, obliges me to write a little beyond what I can well bear. Having broken down twice since I saw you, I have been cautious. More [illegible] was, by Dr. Coleridge's [illegible] not strong, I thought it I had better keep along for the present, favoring myself in some things, rather than disable myself or retire from my post; to guard this last contingency is often in my thoughts.

The fears which you expressed in yours of Nov. 22 I communicated to a legal friend, a Corp. member of the Board

While [illegible] [illegible] that he should stand [illegible] to some one at Washington. [illegible] hope to be [illegible] of the information [illegible], no doubt that watchful eyes are watch over the [illegible]. The [illegible] of [illegible] I read with [illegible] & the [illegible] of your [illegible] opportunity [illegible] to be [illegible] that your [illegible] I should thankfully acknowledge [illegible] the "good hand" of the Lord. I hope & pray that may ever abide with you during the residue of your lives. [illegible] it will be a [illegible] They will lighten your burdens in your [illegible] days. & finally [illegible] you in [illegible] in the hope of that rising again, which shall bring you & the "ransomed" [illegible] Cherokees together before the [illegible] of [illegible] dead!

You know doubtless that the [illegible] have requested us to give up the boarding schools. The Com. have [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] Council [illegible].

What you say in regard to "a higher standard of self consecration" is perfectly true. The same thoughts occupy my very heart continually. As I go about among the Christians, their common feelings on this theme are most painful. Some are faithful; others are "half & half" Christians. At present I urge the special call upon God for addresses to my people to engage in the most [illegible] with more [illegible] fidelity.

In regard to your [illegible] letter, I will say nothing. The [illegible] than that matter [illegible] but that subject is very weighty, that they [illegible] to take time for it.

Please to remember me to [illegible] of my friends. May the peace be [illegible] during all the remaining days! Affectionately to you, to your children, [illegible] to you.

Your [illegible] Christian affection,

B

P.S. You will be pleased to learn that my [illegible] of all my children [illegible] found the [illegible].

Miss. House, Boston,
March 4. '51.

Rev. C. Byington
Choct. Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Dec. 30 I have not acknowledged, because of my manifold duties, with only tolerable health to perform them. Dr. Pomroy's work is on my hands; Dr. Anderson is not very well; and I feel that I must favor myself enough to keep along for the present. I do not relinquish the hope of being released from my position at some future day. But our times are in the disposal of one who is far wiser than we are.

These trials which we are called to endure, (heavy trial, among others,) make the rest of heaven seem very refreshing in the anticipation. How often do I say, "I would not live alway;" but would go in God's own time to a better home.

"I would not live alway" &c. I had a
sweet little daughter once, who loved
to sing this song, with an unusual
expression that has become a part of
my [illegible]. Before she finished her seventh
summer she was not, for "God took her to
himself," and now she "sings among the
angels." And I would not live alway
14 [illegible] I may sing there too by reason
of the [illegible] Your message, letter we have rec'd
and it is under consideration. We must
say, troublous times, for the [illegible] of my
Kingdom. I trust the Lord will bestow
his blessings upon the Choctaws, though
we should decide to withdraw from
the field, [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] I think
a [illegible] such as [illegible]
[illegible] Kind regards to Mrs B.!
The Supt & [illegible] fraternally [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] wrong [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs [illegible] have [illegible] upon
[illegible] but I [illegible] L. N. Leavitt
[illegible]
Kind regards [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Miss. House, Boston,
March 4. '59

Mr J. D. Chamberlain,
Choctaw Nation:

Dear Brother

Yours of Dec. 14 I have failed to acknowledge, by reason of the pressure of my engagements. I am not altogether well, & I have much to do, Dr. Pomroy's work being all on my hands.

We have recd the letter of the mission, but have not acted finally upon it. We are taking time, that we may do "the right thing." May the Lord give us wisdom, not according to our deserts, but according to the multitude of his tender mercies!

The Supt & trustees, you know, have requested us to give up the boarding schools. The Comee have not acted upon the case, but I see not how we can do otherwise than comply.

Kind regards to Mrs. C. & all with you.
As ever, very sincerely yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 4. 59

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cherokee Nation

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb. 20th must receive the usual answer; I should have not written so soon, but for the belief that I should have something to say on the slavery question before us.

You know, of course, that the Choctaw mission is no longer. The responsibility of acting they throw upon the Comtee. They act in their case as we will. You may say: Throw they upon your grounds I would not act; but they are not there. They will not give us the defence which you give us; hence our difficulty.

In respect to your mission, I think we can see the way opening before us. I dont believe that we shall take any action, looking toward a separation. We may give you a chance to define your position, so that we may have the benefit of it at the next annual meeting. This, I hope, you will not decline giving.

The Com^ee. have not acted on the Choctaw letter, & will not for some time to come. A little more desire to relieve us from embarrassment, in past years, would have made the relations of these brethren to the Board somewhat different. The question has needlessly drifted to a point, where we cannot do just what we should be glad to do.

Your brother's family are well. He fills his place admirably.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. W.

Yours, &c

Miss. House Boston
March 5. 1857

Rev. W. Willey
Cher. Mission

Dear Brother

Your letter of Nov. 18 would have rec^d an earlier notice, but for the amount of labor which, in Dr. Anderson's absence, I am obliged to perform. The Home Department needs a large measure of time & effort, much more than I am able to bestow upon it. We have the prospect of an inconvenient debt at the close of the financial year, i.e. July 31. 57.

I am always anxious to give our Indian churches full credit for their liberality; as a matter of justice not only, but for the satisfaction & encouragement of the friends of the Board. Hence I regret that I did not receive your statement of what your people gave last year, so as to put it into the Annual Report. I gave the letter to the Editor, however, & he noted the facts.

You ask if the Board will pay the cost necessary for the enlargement of your house, if the Cherokees will do the work? The answer will depend somewhat on the amount required, & in respect to which you do not speak definitely. We avoid all new appropriations, if we possibly can, in consequence of the state of our finances. But we occasionally grant small sums, if the necessity is urgent.

I would suggest this course for your consideration. Suppose that you bring the matter before the mission ~~meeting~~, at the earliest opportunity, & let the brethren ~~mission~~ say (1) whether the enlargement is urgently needed or not, & (2) if it is needed, what the Com^ee should appropriate. On receiving the action of the mission, the Com^ee will do all that they can.

We have done nothing as yet touching the relations of your mission to the Board. I do not think that a separation will take place at present. If the missionaries will do what they can to relieve our position, I think we can abide together for the present at least. But we shall know better hereafter.

Please to say to Miss Sudan that I Rec^d her note of Dec 7. & of [illegible] directing according to her wishes; & with [illegible] of Cold Water that health was so much better. May it be long continued to her!

Affectionate regards to Mr & Mrs [illegible] Miss [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 8 '59

Rev C. Kingsbury
Choct. Mission

Dear Brother,

Yours of Feb 1, came just now. I send remainder of the Reports for '19, '20, '21 by mail. The Herald for those years is reduced to so low a figure that I feel reluctant to part with any more numbers of it. Perhaps the Reports will suffice; if so, I shall be very glad. If not, please to write me.

Affectionately yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 9. '59

Rev. G. H. Atkinson
Oregon City

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Octr. 30 was rec'd in Jan. that of Jan. 18 came to hand last week. I thank you most sincerely for the interest which you take in our affairs; & I will briefly indicate what we have done.

Our claim for losses has lain on the shelf at the Indian Department for several years. We could not get any thing from the public offices, & were told that we must go to Congress. As matters have been for some time past, we have seen but little prospect of success. The Methodists have pushed their claim, & we have rather stood back, in order that they might establish a precedent, with their smaller demand, & one that would open a door for us. They can employ a wider influence in their behalf, than we can, as they spread over the whole land; this, as you will readily understand.

By direction of the Com.ee I have written to the Com.r of Indian Affairs on the subject. Perhaps you may hear from me, when I receive his reply.

As to the Dalles property, the case was virtually settled some time since. The Com.ee ratified the agreement made by Messrs Walker & Eells with the agent of the Methodists; we considered the whole question ended. When they were applied to in respect to the note, at a subsequent date, we stated that this was to be given up, in consideration of our cancelling the original arrangement, & putting things back where they were before; on this statement the note was surrendered to us.

The Methodists have found some hinderances in ~~respect~~ urging to their claim for losses, & their demand for the property taken by the Govt - & I have stated officially that we had no claim for any loss or any property at the Dalles.

In these circumstances the Com.ee have felt that there was but one course for them to pursue. We have waited some

time to hear from Missionary House [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] no ~~letters~~; [illegible] recently
[illegible] a [illegible] claim [illegible] to the
Methodist Miss. Soc.

The fact that the agent of the Methodist [illegible] the territory [illegible] our [illegible] [illegible] Commissioners [illegible] a [illegible].

Thanking you once more for your kind interest in our matters, & your manifest desire to render us an important service, I am [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] most fraternally

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To the Commissioner of
Indian Affairs.
Dear Sir,

As long ago as Dec. 1851, I received from your department the report of Superintendent of Indian Affairs [illegible] of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions growing out of losses sustained by it in 1847. On the 20th of March 1852 I addressed a letter to the Hon. L. Lea, in respect to said document, in which I made sundry comments thereon, and offered, in behalf of our Prudential Committee, to receive the $20,000 which he had named, in full of all demands. This letter in connection, with the above mentioned report, will give you a concise history of the case. As we have received nothing to the present time, I now write to inquire (1) whether, in the late treaties made with Indians in Oregon and Washington, there is any provision which we can avail ourselves of for a reasonable indemnity; (2) whether there is any other method by which we can secure a proper indemnity for our heavy losses.

Very respectfully Yours,
S. B. Treat, Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Missionary House, Boston,
March 9. 1859.

To the Commissioner of
Indian Affairs.

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Very respectfully Yours,
S. B. Treat, Sec. ABCFM

Miss. House, Bost.
March 9th 59

Rev C. Kingsbury
Choctaw Nat.

Dear Bro.

I will thank you to forward the accompanying letter to the Supt & trustees of Choctaw schools. I do not know their address.

I have supposed that we should surely hear from you in regard to the matter, or at any rate have a letter. Undoubtedly it is on its way. However, we shall be obliged to act with what light we have accordingly.

Yours

Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston.
March 9. '59

Messrs R. W. Nail, and Brethren
Geo. Folsom,
Kennedy McCurtain.

Gentlemen!

Your letter [illegible] of [illegible] did not reach [illegible] till a few days since. I have been hoping to hear from our missionaries, in reference to your request for immediate action; but thus far I have been disappointed.

~~H~~ The Prud. Comm.ee have hesitated, as to what they should do, in the circumstances.

1. If we do not hear from the missionaries [illegible] in a few days from now, we shall doubtless [illegible]; & they will [illegible] you shall hear as soon as may be.

I am, Gentlemen,
Very respectfully & sincerely, Yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

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change [illegible] March 9 1859
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I was happy in being able to announce the result at so early a day.
[illegible] Mr. C. Kingsbury, will be recognized as a member of the mission, in all your meetings for business, with the same rights as the older brethren enjoy.

2. The articles of agreement [illegible] Messrs Riggs & Cunningham [illegible]. If we had framed the first article, we should have probably put it in a different shape for the sake of simplicity & apparent consonance. But the Comm

do not think it worth while to make any change. If the present plan works well, no other will be needed; if it does not, I presume the Mission will prefer to modify it.

I am, dear brethren,

Very fraternally

Missⁿ House Boston
March 4. 1867
To the Dakota
Mission

Dear Brethren.

Yesterday I received letters from Dr. Williamson, of Feb. 12, Mr Riggs, Feb. 14, Mr Cunningham Feb. 12, with a copy of the agreement entered into by Messrs Riggs & Cunningham. As our Comᵗᵉᵉ met in the afternoon I submitted the papers for immediate action; & I am happy in being able to announce the result at so early a day.

1. The Comᵗᵉᵉ have cheerfully appointed Mr & Mrs Cunningham assistant missionaries of the Board, in the full belief that they they will prove themselves "worthy". Mr. C. therefore, will be recognized as a member of the mission, in all your meetings for business, with the same rights as the older brethren enjoy.

2. The articles of agreement between Messrs Riggs & Cunningham are ratified. If we had framed the first article, we should have, probably, put it in a different shape for the sake of simplicity & apparent convenience. But the Comᵗᵉᵉ

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I am, dear Sir,

Very affectionately

Yours truly

S. B. Treat

Rev. W. C. Cunningham

[illegible]

... the 12th inst. with letters from Messrs Williamson & Riggs, ... to forward to the Prud. Com. They have cheerfully appointed Mrs. C. your wife, an assistant missionary of the Board, as Mrs. announced to the Dakota mission, of which you now become a member. The agreement made by Mr. Riggs & yourself is ratified, with a suggestion, which you will find in the letter to the mission.

I cannot but hope that this arrangement will receive the blessing of God. Providence seems to have called Mrs. C. & yourself to this post; & hence you are permitted to feel that you are in the path of duty, where the Master himself would place you. This is the first element of happiness.

Miss. House. Boston
March 10, '59

Mr. H. D. Cunningham
Dakotas,

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 12th ult. with letters from Messrs Williamson & Riggs, I have duly rec'd & presented to the Prud. Com. They have cheerfully appointed Mrs. C. & yourself assistant missionaries of the Board, as I here announced to the Dakota mission, of which you now become a member. The agreement made by Mr Riggs & yourself is ratified, with a suggestion, which you will find in the letter to the mission.

I cannot but hope that the arrangement will receive the blessing of God. Providence seems to have called Mrs C. & yourself to this post; & hence you are permitted to feel that you are in the path of duty, where the Master himself would place you. This is the chief element of happiness.

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You may expect a few suggestions from me, with the hope of aiding you in the performance of your duty as Steward of the boarding school at Hazelwood.

1. You will understand, of course, that being a member of the Dakota mission you are subject to its direction, in accordance with our general rule. Provision is made for this point, in the agreement, to some extent; but without any agreement the school would be under the general oversight of the mission.

2. I trust you will avoid all narrow views of your work & position. Endeavor rather to feel that you are Christ's servant, sent among the Dakotas to do them good. While you have a special charge, you can pray earnestly for their deliverance from the evils to which they are exposed, & so far as it shall be in your power, seek to advance their interests.

3. The duty of economy I need not urge upon you. You will feel doubtless that the money given to the Board has a very sacred character. It is the offering of God's people for the salvation of a lost world. Hence we should

all, at the Mission House, & on smaller ground try to make the most of it.

4. In the management of the children, I think you & Miss C. will be assisted by regarding them as committed to your care by the Lord Jesus Christ. This consideration will cause you (1) to be very solicitous for the highest good, especially for the salvation of their souls; & (2) to bear with patience the trials which will come upon you in the discharge of your duty. For you are doing a work which Christ has given you to do, you can be sure of his support & guidance. He will give you all needed grace & wisdom.

5. I hope you will shun the two extremes of expecting too much or too little from the children. They are Indian children, please to remember, & so will try you & disappoint you. But with the Lord's help you can accomplish much; you can educate them for immortality.

I have thrown out these thoughts, not because there is any special need of your receiving such suggestions, but because they will at any rate do no harm, because it would show the right appreciation of the work which you are doing.

Affectionate regards to all &c

Very respectfully

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

March 12, [illegible]

[illegible]

Mr Daniel Two [illegible]

Seneca Indians

Dear Brother.

I have just received your letter of March 5, [illegible] that I must reply in haste. I leave town in a short time, to be absent a number of days; but I presume you would be glad to hear from me at once.

I regret to hear that Mr Gleason does not give entire satisfaction to the Indians on your Reservation. Especially am I sorry that a portion of the church are alienated from him. I have hoped, however, that the difficulty would pass away. I have seen several excitements among the Senecas; but I have generally found that they became quiet & tolerably harmonious after a while. According to your letter, the matter is more serious than I had supposed. What should be done, I am not quite clear.

The plan which you suggest

Miss. House, Boston,
March 12. 59

Mr Daniel Twoguns:
Seneca Indians.

Dear Brother.

I have just received your letter of March 9; & am sorry that I must reply in haste. I leave town in a short time, to be absent a number of days; but I presume you would be glad to hear from me at once.

I regret to hear that Mr Gleason does not give entire satisfaction to the Indians on your Reservation. Especially am I sorry that a portion of the Church are alienated from him. I have hoped, however, that the difficulty would pass away. I have seen several excitements among the Senecas; but I have generally found that they became quiet & tolerably harmonious after a while. According to your letter, the matter is more serious than I had supposed. What should be done, I am not quite clear.

The plan which you suggest

would be a good one, if we had need of Mr Gleason's services in the way which you mention. But we are reducing our agents, & so cannot consistently invite him to participate in this work.

I will give the matter some thought, & will see if any thing can be done. It would be a sad thing to have the church divided. I hope & pray that such an event will not take place.

I would suggest that you & the ~~oft~~ good, right-thinking [illegible] make the subject one of special prayer, that God would interpose, & settle the difficulty in a way that shall please him. He can drive away all the clouds, & make every thing bright & happy. If it is a [illegible] for Mr G. to go away, he can bring it about very easily. If it is best that he should stay, he can keep him with you & all his dear children, in paths of righteousness & peace.

I am, my dear brother
Very affectionately yrs
S. B. Treat

Remember me very kindly to Mother [illegible] & your [illegible].

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Mission House Boston
March 12, '57

Rev. Thos. Skyes,
Colfax Bayou [illegible]

Dear Brother

Your letter of Jan. 15 has been received; & I have read it to our Com. They listened to it with interest; but I am sorry to say that we have no field in which we can employ you.

We are doing much less for the Ojibwas than we formerly did. We have found that our efforts in their behalf accomplished but little; & so we have concluded that one station, which we now have, is all the probability force that we can afford to sustain.

Commending you to that Saviour who is able to keep us [illegible] and [illegible] praying that the light of his countenance may ever be upon you, I subscribe myself, (?) sincerely your friend & brother in the Gospel

S. B. Treat

[illegible] your request

Miss. House, Boston,
March 15,

Miss Betsey McFarland
West Bloomfield, N. Y.

Dear Madam

Your letter of [illegible] was laid before the Prud. Comm^e last week, in my absence. On my return I find that it is proposed that I write for some additional information. You will notice that great changes have taken place at the Miss. House since you were connected with the Board; indeed, nearly all the members of our Comm^e have been chosen since that time. You will not understand, therefore, that they wish me to address you, because that they feel any reluctance to aid you, or because they have any doubts as to the propriety of their doing so. They simply desire such a statement as will justify them as business men in making the small grant which you ask.

I would suggest that you request

your pastor, to address a brief letter to me on this subject, expressing his opinion as to the propriety & suitableness of the grant in question, & giving such reasons therefor as may occur to him. This will be perfectly satisfactory, & enable the Comee to adhere to those regulations, which in their large operations, seem so desirable & salutary.

I am, very respectfully
& affectionately,

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
March 24. '59

Rev. C. C. Torrey
Cherokee Mission

Dear Brother

I have received yours of March 8, & send herewith a copy of my last letter to your mission. I also send a letter to the mission, explaining the Choctaw correspondence.

I am very sorry to hear that Mr Worcester is so sick. I cannot but hope that he will be spared some time longer; & from what I know of the case I think he will. His death would be a very serious loss to the Cherokees; & they have no friends to lose.

Affectionate regards to Mrs T. & all with you. Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
March 24. '59

To the Cherokee Mission

Dear Brethren,

I have received a letter from Mr Torrey, the object of which is to inquire whether it is necessary that you should be kept in ignorance of the "negotiations" going on between the Com. & the Choctaw Mission, looking toward a separation.

It occurs to me that others of your number may not have the same feeling which Mr T. has expressed; hence I will say a few words on the subject.

1. I have not the least objection to keeping you perfectly apprised of what is done; but
2. I had supposed that the case would come into a definite form long before this, so that you might know results, as well as negotiations; &
3. I have often felt that, having Dr. Pomeroy's work to do, I must relieve myself of all unnecessary labor, to avoid "another breaking down"; &
4. the correspondence thus far has not affected you particularly, the case of your mission being so different from the other's.

I will add, however, that on the 5th of Oct.

memorials to the Choctaw brethren, suggesting the expediency of a separation (1) because of the "embarrassments" which their ~~own~~ connection with the Board imposes upon its operations; (2) because of the "embarrassments" ~~which~~ Prud. Com. anticipates from the second cause; (3) because of a prospective difficulty in furnishing such reinforcements as may be needed. To this the mission reply by declining to take any responsibility in the case, but leave the "pieces" "to be disposed of as the Com. shall deem best." Nothing more has been done. I suppose, however, that the Com. will act soon; & think that a separation will be decided upon; but the manner of the step will not involve your relations to the Board.

Nothing yet will be heard from London; but I have no doubt, partly on that account, you will be able to put yourselves in a position that will render your connection with us practicable & desirable.

You will of course understand that your [illegible] & replies, support of any of [illegible], without a formal reply, was thoughtfully & appropriately done, as I intimated in my last letter.

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

March 24 '59

Rev. S. A. Worcester

Cher. Mission

Dear Brother

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by [illegible] what most [illegible] which [illegible], by your

that [illegible] [illegible] under

kingdom of Christ [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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& it will [illegible] [illegible] then

[illegible] [illegible] visit to Boston Miss.

[illegible] was [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible] Dr. [illegible]

And [illegible] pleasant [illegible]

[illegible] would [illegible]

[illegible] will [illegible] these results from the [illegible], in the development of God's great glory, [illegible] to say that you [illegible] Christ [illegible]; for [illegible] I think it is [illegible]; [illegible] God's [illegible] done, or act [illegible] of the slightest significance.

I shall certainly pray that the [illegible] may [illegible]. Should our work terminate in your field, [illegible] I hope you will [illegible] to its close.

My present belief is that we shall have [illegible] difficulty in retaining your mission, though the Choctaw mission shall be [illegible] given up. The objections of anti-slavery men are mainly against the course pursued by your mission; when the precise facts are understood, I suppose there will be a general acquiescence in your remaining in your fields under the patronage of the Board. True, there will be some noise made by the Am. Miss. Assoc. & it may annoy us somewhat; but we can probably outlive it.

I presume the Com. will act soon in the matter of the Choctaw mission.

Soon afterwards we shall probably take up the case of your mission. I hope you will be well enough to give the subject its best wisdom. I trust, however, the matter will not take any complicated shape, so that you can easily put us in a position that shall be comfortable for us, while it will necessitate no discussion or action that shall trouble you.

Please to assure Mrs W. & the family of my kindest regards.

I am, dear brother, as ever
most affectionately
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
March 26 '69

Col. [illegible] Esq
New York City

Dear Sir,

I have not [illegible] informed whether any thing has [illegible] done by Congress in regard to [illegible] claims. If not will you [illegible] inform me as to the present position of the matter.

I am, most respectfully
Yours &c
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April [illegible] '69

[illegible]

Dear Brother,

[illegible] that all matters have not been satisfactorily adjusted among the Senecas. [illegible] improvement may have taken place. [illegible]

Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

I do not suppose that there will be any occasion for [illegible]

Messrs. R. H. Neal, Miss. House, Boston
April 4. '59

Geo. Folsom,
Rev. Anson Gleason
Kennedy McLarlane
Call. Richardson, &

Dear Brethren,

I [illegible] to you on [illegible] I have been absent from home a part of the time, & the Com'ee have had a good deal of business. Hence I did not lay your matter before them till their last meeting. They have voted to allow you $50. to [illegible] the [illegible] in the making of your road.

I am sorry that [illegible] matters have not been satisfactorily adjusted among the Senecas. By this time, however, some more decided improvement may have taken place. It must be [illegible] the [illegible] Mr. [illegible] & [illegible] that [illegible] of the [illegible] at their station. [illegible] with you [illegible]

Very truly yrs

Miss. House, Boston
April 5. 1859

[illegible] promised to add [illegible] We have heard nothing from you [illegible] in regard to the [illegible] if possible, in accordance with the advice of Messrs [illegible] those who [illegible] in our behalf among the Choctaws [illegible] stations. We shall expect them to do so, on conferring with you, unless they shall wish the Com'ee to consider the matter. S. B. Treat. I do not suppose that there will be any occasion for delay; still we thought it due to these excellent

Miss. House, Boston
April 6. 1859.

Messrs R. W. Nail,
Geo. Folsom,
Kennedy McCurtain.

Gentlemen

I wrote to you on the 9th of March, acknowledging your letter, rec^{d} a few days before; & I promised to address you again in a short time. We have heard nothing from our missionaries as yet in regard to the subject which you present for our consideration; hence we feel somewhat embarrassed in making a reply. In all such cases, we wish to act, if possible, in accordance with the advice & wishes of those who are laboring in our behalf among the Choctaws.

We have concluded, therefore, to invest Messrs Kingsbury, Byington, Edwards, Chamberlain & Libby with power to give up the schools at their stations; & we shall expect them to do so, on conferring with you, unless they shall wish the Com^{e} to consider the matter more fully. I do not suppose that there will be any occasion for delay; still we think it due to these excellent men that they should have this opportunity to express their mind, if they desire it. [illegible] Messrs Byington [illegible] for yourselves & for your [illegible] the assurance of our affectionate regard; & our prayer is that the blessing of God may ever rest upon you! You must be aware that we have recently received a communication from the Supt & Trustees of the Choctaw schools, requesting us "to authorize some person to meet" them "& make a final separation from the Government [illegible]. We have waited some time, with the hope that we should hear from some of our missionaries in reference to this matter. It would have given us great pleasure to have your suggestions; but in justice to the gentlemen who have addressed us, we feel constrained to act with the knowledge of the case which we now have.

The language of their communication is such that we do not see how we can properly deny their request. Indeed, we should be ready to surrender the schools at once, without any condition or contingency, were it not that you may see serious objections to this course, which do not occur to us. We propose, therefore, to give you an opportunity to express any views which you may have in favor of a different course.

Miss. House, Boston
April 8. 1859

Messrs Kingsbury, Byington, Edwards,
& Chamberlain & Libby

Dear Brethren

You must be aware that we have received a letter from the Supt & Trustees of the Choctaw schools, requesting us "to authorize some person to meet" them, & "make a final separation from the American Board". We have waited some time, in the hope that we should hear from some of our missionaries in reference to this matter. It would have given us great pleasure to have your suggestions; but in justice to the gentlemen who have addressed us, we feel constrained to act with the knowledge of the case which we now have.

The language of their communication is such that we do not see how we can properly deny their request. Indeed, we should be ready to surrender the schools at once, without any condition or contingency, were it not that you may see serious objections to this course, which do not occur to us. We propose, therefore, to give you an opportunity to express any views which you may have in favor of a different course.

The Comm^ee authorize you to confer with the Super^t & trustees, & to give up all their claims at your discretion to them, at such time & at such a price as you & they shall deem best. If you think, however, that the Comm^ee ought to have a fuller view of the case, you are at liberty to defer all action in the premises, till you shall have written for the trustees' offer & rec^d a reply.

I enclose a letter to the Super^t & trustees which you will please to forward.

Yours very respectfully & fraternally

Miss. House, Boston,
April 8, '57

Rev C. Kingsbury
Choctaws.

Mr J. D. Chamberlain
Choct. Mission

Dear Brother

I send herewith two letters which will explain themselves. The letter of the Supt & trustees is answered in your letter [illegible] have been wond=ering [illegible] schools [illegible] that we are [illegible] to hear from some of you. We are not perfectly ready to give them an answer [illegible] course.

The Comtee have not acted on the [illegible] relating to the Board [illegible] confirmed together; but [illegible] with all due consideration. [illegible] just when [illegible] will hear from us on the subject. [illegible] well with you [illegible] will arise in your mind. [illegible] Perhaps you will wish to leave the [illegible] in full. Or you may be [illegible] to carry forward the school under the Supt & trustees. Of course,

Miss. House, Boston,
April 5. 1859

Mr. Jot. Chamberlain
Choct. Mission.

Dear Brother

I presume you have heard, that the Supt. & trustees of Choctaw Schools have requested me to authorize some person to meet them, & make arrangements for a formal separation from the American Board.

I have accordingly directed the Prud. Com. (Messrs Kingsbury, Byington, Edwards, Libby & [illegible]) giving you the power to surrender the schools, but allowing you the right, till you can write to this Miss. House, if you shall desire to do so.

The question will arise in your mind, "What shall I do?" You may have a ready answer. Perhaps you will wish to leave the Choctaw nation this summer or fall. Or you may be willing to carry forward the school under the Supt. & trustees. Of course, you will a perfect right to do just what you please; & perhaps you will be [illegible] learning, wisdom.

The language of the [illegible] or Trustees is, in [illegible], a good deal of "spirit". They are clearly not pleased with what was done at Detroit.

I only wish to know what the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was done.

I am no authority to speak for them, as they have not asked [illegible]. I will say to you, confidentially, that there is no expectation that the [illegible] [illegible] your connection with us as the [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] general work.

Please to keep me advised of what is done in reference to these schools.

Kind regards to Mrs. [illegible] & all friends [illegible] you.

I [illegible] my best [illegible]

This [illegible] pledge is for a [illegible] one, [illegible] know but a small part of it. Should God call you to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the right, just right, those who [illegible] should [illegible] [illegible] at all times

Miss. House, Boston
April 9 '59

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cher. Nation

My dear Brother:

Your favor of March 17 I have read & pondered with "heaviness of heart". The account which you give of your health is deeply affecting; nor can I see anything but hope that this sickness will not terminate in death. It does seem very desirable that your life should be spared a little longer, not only for the general work among the Cherokees, but for the completion of the O. T., which you have so nearly translated. According to our way of looking at questions, we feel that we need you and in the matter of literary. You have been of great service to us in past years; it would appear that you might help us again.

But the Divine purpose is far above ours, we know but a small part of it. Should God call you to himself in [illegible] in the height of your usefulness, those who survive should learn the lesson at all times

If I felt that I were addressing you for the last time, of which I cannot be sure, I should have much to say: I might speak of our pleasant intercourse, of my high respect for you as a Christian & the missionary, of the loss which I shall feel in the failure of your mission; but I shall rather dwell upon your future. My thoughts have often been turned towards death, & that undiscovered country that lies beyond. Often does it seem a great boon to be delivered from the trials, the temptations, the sins of this world & be ushered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God. I am not impatient to be delivered from this heavy load, but it does appear, true, that the release, spoken by a divine & loving voice, will be most welcome. Hence, if I felt that I were speaking to you for the last time, I should congratulate you on your coming deliverance, & the glory that shall be revealed in you. Who can raise his thoughts to this great theme! The glory that shall be revealed in us! Not because of any merit in us, but all because of the wonderful love of Christ! And this completes & crowns the consummation. Near Christ, purified with

You will have seen my letter to the missions on the subject of our Choctaw correspondence. Nothing new has occurred, and I think we shall send a brief letter to your Mission in the course of this month; & I trust there will be no difficulty in arranging, so that we can retain the mission.

Please to assure Mrs. W. & your family of my kind regards & of my constant sympathy, Affectionate remembrances to Miss Kenney.

Praying that the Lord will spare you to do much for his dear Son, & that at all times you may have the special supports of his love & the graces of our Redeemer, fraternally

Your brother in the
Gospel,

S. B. Treat,

Miss. House Boston
April 11. 59

Rev. Wm D. Mather
Fond du Lac

Yours of 1st Inst. to Mr. Palmer, he has kindly shown to me. The use of the $50 to effect your contemplated removal, as you propose, it would be perfectly appropriate, I think. I should much prefer your settling in Canada, especially if he can carry on his labors among some of the Indians there.

Thanking you much for the trouble which you have taken in this business,

Very truly yours,
S. B. Treat

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[illegible] Miss. House, Boston

[illegible] April 11 '59

Rev. S. L. Hobbs, [illegible]

[illegible] Mission. [illegible]

Dear Brother, I have thought you would acquiesce in any plan that [illegible]. Your letter of Jan. 26, [illegible] some time since. I [illegible] supposed that I should have something definite to write you in regard to the relations of your mission to the Board before this time. I [illegible] prepared to say any thing till now.

The Cttee feel that they are brought to a very important stage of the correspondence, & they must act cautiously & deliberately. The idea of separating from the mission is exceedingly unpleasant; [illegible] [illegible] any way to which we, the [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the course of [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible].

The Board [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. But however it shall be effected, in the main difficulty, [illegible] should prefer to separate from the [illegible] on the ground of the correspondence, in which you have taken part.

But some of the Com^ee thought it better not to make any distinctions, lest there might be a clamor occasioned in that event; hence they would separate from the mission as a whole.

I have assured the Com^ee that you will acquiesce in any plan that may seem best, on the whole; so that if they drop the mission, you will not complain, though your position is different from that of the others.

Should the mission be surrendered, & should you have no provision for a support, I do not think that you will be left to suffer. If the Presbyn Board should take the mission, of course, you would be provided for. If not some way will be devised to make your bread sure unto you, I am quite confident.

What you say in regard to your work, I have read with peculiar interest. May the Lord continue to bless you, even as he has done in months that are past.

Please to assure Mrs H. of my affectionate regards. Remember me also to Mrs Kendall.

As ever, fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

P. S. I want you to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as private. I have written it that you [illegible] [illegible] first how they [illegible]; but it is for you & other [illegible] only [illegible].

Dear Brother

Your favor of April 14 [illegible] received & read with great [illegible]. [illegible] correspondence [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] correspondence [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that you can throw upon the subject I should be glad to receive.

The letter to [illegible] [illegible] received [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] J. C. Fremont [illegible]

[illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
April 11. '59

Rev. J. Potter,
Allegheny.

Dear Brother

Your favor of April 4 th is recd & read with interest. I pray the Great Head of the Ch. that you may be able to see a very different state of things on your Reservation.

I have written to Bro. A. H. Pierce, in consequence of what you said; & I think the way will be open for a free correspondence in regard to Col. Pierce. Any light that you can throw upon the subject I shall be glad to receive.

The letter to A. H. P. I send herewith, as I am not sure of his P. O. address. You can read the letter, after which I will thank you to forward it.

Kind regards to Mrs. P. & all with you.
As ever,

Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April 11. 59

Mr. A. H. Pierce,
Allegheny.

Dear Brother,

I have been hoping to hear from you in regard to your work at Allegheny; but I suppose you find much to do in getting fairly settled; then you will need a little time to ascertain just what the state of things is, & what you shall report in relation thereto. As soon, however, as you have something definite to say, & can find time to say it, I shall be glad to hear from you.

There are several points, that I hope you will consider. First, I wish to know just what your plans of labor are. That is, I would know what work you propose to do, & what it is expected that Mrs. Pierce will do. You will not understand me as raising any question as to your diligence or faithfulness; not at all. But we always like to know at the Miss. House just what our laborers are endeavoring to accomplish. The advantages of such information, you will see at once, must be manifold.

One important part of your duty will be to make the best use of Jno. [illegible], excellent [illegible] of the [illegible]. Of course, he can do many things that no white missionary can possibly achieve. And we find not our experience that native helpers who were admirably fitted to be useful, are sometimes, for some reason, turned to much less account than is [illegible] desirable.

As you know, the Jno. P. receives, for a year, he should devote a good portion of his time to the missionary work. That is a handsome stipend for him. Let me inquire how much going he actually, or, to your field? How many days? Are these days long or short? Does he spend much time in study? Is he improving his mind, so that he promises to become more & more skillfull in the business of a native preacher? And, in general, what may be expected of him, in view of his talents, character, devotedness, &c?

Secondly. I should like to know what are the prospects of the field. What is the condition of the Old Town Christians? Is there reason to believe that they will advance in piety, & that their number will be increased?

The state of things among "Cornplanter's" people I should like to understand more perfectly. I have hoped that the Fund had done, & was to do, a good work among them. What are the facts?

You will doubtless think of other matters which you may wish to present for our consideration, or at least our information. I shall always be happy to hear from you, so that you need not be afraid of writing too often.

Kind regards to Mrs. T. & Col. Pierce also.

Very sincerely yours,

J. P. B. Theat.

Miss. House Boston
April 12 '59

Rev. A. Cowles
New Haven Ct
Dear Brother

I have laid your request before the Com^ee & they cheerfully give you leave to be absent from [illegible] to make the proposed visit to Virginia.

Of course you will make the best arrangements in your power for the [illegible] of your pulpit during your absence. [illegible]

[illegible] must be [illegible] by the [illegible] South; may you come back with the health perfectly restored! [illegible] Love to [illegible] your family!

Very respectfully yours

correspondence with the Indian Department. The business of that bureau is badly done. [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
April 12. '69

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakota

My dear Brother

Yours of the 16th March I have received & I reply briefly as follows:

1. If chosen to the Gen'l Assembly, you need not fear in regard to the expenses, beyond what you get from the Com'rs' Fund. I will take the responsibility. It is quite possible that I may see you at Wilmington, if you are there.

2. The Ms. sent to the Atlantic I have returned. Before this time, I trust, you will have received it.

3. Nothing has come of my correspondence with the Indian Department. The business of that bureau is badly done, & I expected little or

nothing from my letter. To get any
thing accomplished, one must go to
work indefinitely. For this I have [illegible]
no policy. I feel as if I were [illegible]
Toplove at home, & then at Strawberry, [illegible]
[illegible] ! The best we have to do
[illegible] God for the better.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. R. & the
children.

As ever, most fraternally
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April 15, 1859

Rev. E. Walker
[illegible]

Dear Bro. Walker,

Your letter of Feb. 22 I have just received. Under date of March 9 I wrote to Mr. Atkinson, stating [illegible] we had done in the matter of the Walker property, & why we had done it. You will doubtless have seen that communication, or at least learned its contents; [illegible] charged [illegible] a copy. In a word, [illegible] to the [illegible] supposing that [illegible] are bound to do so.

If we can realize anything from the other property in Oregon, we shall be happy to give this to you; but if the Lord orders it otherwise [illegible] right [illegible]

[illegible] Affectionately yours, [illegible] Walker. [illegible]

S. B. Treat

Confidential Miss. House, Boston
April 19 '59

Rev L. Bacon D.D.
New Haven

Dear Sir

I have been expecting to see you this week, but find that I shall not be in New Haven for a few days.

I am anxious to get your opinion on this point. Suppose that we discontinue the Choctaw mission, &, in speaking of our plans for the future, say to Messrs Kingsbury & Byington, "We shall be responsible for your support during the rest of your lives. The great age which you have attained, the long service which you have rendered to the Board, lay us under a peculiar obligation which we cheerfully recognize. Should you soon, or hereafter, retire from your field of labor, you shall have the same" on the other hand that this is only a dodge." You

Board, or other Missionaries. "If you spend your days in visiting your own people" we will supplement what the "people" fail to raise towards your support."

I must confess that the more I think of this plan, the better I like it.

1st. These men have a right to be treated with special kindness & consideration. One is 72 1/2 years old, the other 66. They have sustained an excellent character from the first, & done a good work.

2. They have many friends who will be gratified by such an offer. Some will be kept by it from joining in the clamor which will perhaps be raised.

3. This course will weaken the hands of those who are most anxious to find an occasion for denunciation & opposition.

4. The impression upon all our ~~xxx~~ missionaries, I think, will be good.

It may be said, on the other hand that this is only a "dodge"! "You

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April 20, 1859

Rev. S. A. Worcester

propose to do something, but really do nothing? The answer is (1) the claims of their brethren are peculiar & indisputable. What we propose is simple justice (2) to confine the offer to these two men, [illegible] to many of the specialities of the case;

If you will regard this letter as confidential, & give me your opinion in the premises, I shall be very much obliged to you.

Very respectfully & fraternally,
Yours
S. B. Treat

1. The [illegible] have become very important, & we see no probability of obtaining the man required to [illegible] there.

2. Our journeys are very unhopeful. I have prepared a letter for the public, part [illegible] will show how the case stands.

3. There will be a special difficulty in getting a man to go to Stoney Creek, in the present state of the slavery question as it affects the Cherokees & the mission among them.

On the whole I think that the Moravians had better take Stoney Creek, as they have taken [illegible]

Rl. Wilder — by mistake — transferred to foreign Book

Miss. House, Boston,
April 20 1859

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cher. Mission

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 4th I read to the Comee yesterday. Looking at the question which you present, in all its bearings, they think that they cannot encourage the idea of occupying Honey Creek by a missionary family.

1. The claims of other fields have become very urgent, & we see no possibility of obtaining the men required to cultivate them.

2. Our finances are very unhopeful. I have prepared a letter for the public, sent herewith, which will show how the case stands.

3. There will be a special difficulty in getting a man to go to Honey Creek, in the present state of the slavery question as it affects the Cherokees & the mission among them.

On the whole I think that the Moravians had better take Honey Creek, as they have taken Mr Lewis.

Rly. Wilder — by mistake — transferred to Foreign Book

I am sorry to read the P.S. in your letter, because of the unfavorable view which it gives of your health. I cannot yet relinquish the hope that you will be spared for a longer service. If the All-wise God has ordered otherwise, I pray that your consolations may abound during your remaining hours. May your peace be as a river!

Should you have strength to dictate a few words in regard to the slavery question, I shall be very much obliged to you for them. I had expected to write to the mission before this time; but there have been certain hindrances which I need not mention. We have not yet acted finally on the Choctaw case.

You can write to me without any reference to this letter. You can say that as your life is uncertain you wish to give your views on the premises. I should like to have you bring out the fact that your mission still adheres to the Goodwater paper. (If you can say that you all agree with the Board, so far as you understand its position, that would be still better.) (2) That if the Board withdraws its support, you have no support. There is no other quarter to which you can look. These are the main points.

If you can add to these (1) the no. of slave holders in the other churches, showing a diminution since Mr Wood's visit (2) the fact that none have been rec^d since that visit, or, if received, that they have been admitted in accordance with the [illegible] paper, it will be of service. I should be glad to know what others have no slave holders.

You may be unwilling to give your mind to such matters; if so, do not trouble yourself for a moment with the question. But if you can write what shall amount to a brief plea for the continuance of the mission, embracing the foregoing facts, it will be a valuable legacy. Coming from you, at such a time, it will have great weight, & I thank [illegible] the matters at least for the present.

Kindest regards to Mrs. K. [illegible] sympathy & all my prayers [illegible] while you live; in whatever relation may hopefully [illegible] to do the [illegible] will.

Very sincerely & affectionately yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 20. '59

Miss Lucy E. Lovell

Your letter of March 29 to Mr. Wood is before me. Yesterday I made known your request to the Com. & they have cheerfully assented to your wishes. You are at liberty to relinquish the position which you occupy, at the close of the present school year. I shall hope to see you on your return to the North.

Hoping that the God of peace will go with you in all your pilgrimage, making you eminently useful while you live, in whatever relations you seek to do the Master's will, I am,

Very sincerely yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April 21. 1859

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cherokee Mission

Dear Brother

[illegible] accounts [illegible] in the Choctaw Mission [illegible] to your health, as I hope already informed [illegible] Miss Lovell [illegible]. We hope & pray that you may be spared for a longer service in the Master's vineyard. But [illegible] ordained, [illegible] to take [illegible] at the [illegible] might be [illegible] as well as to your brethren, in view of the proceedings of the Board at Detroit, to have your [illegible] of your [illegible] for carrying forward the work which we have in charge, in case the Board abandons the field.

2. What is the position which you [illegible] occupy now, on the subject of slavery as it affects your labors?

If you are able to make a brief

Miss. House, Boston
April 21, 1859

Rev S. A. Worcester
Cherokee Mission

Dear Brother,

The accounts which we have received in regard to your health, as I have already informed you, gave us some anxiety. We hope & pray that you may be spared for a longer service in the Master's vineyard. But his ways are high above us, & what he may have ordained, we know not.

It has occurred to me that were an event to take place which we should all deplore, it might be of use to us, as well as to your brethren, in view of the proceedings of the Board at Detroit, to have your opinion as to the expediency of our continuing our labors among the Cherokees.

1. What provision can be made for carrying forward the work which we have in charge, in case the Board abandons the field?

2. What is the position which you & your associates occupy now occupy, on the subject of slavery as it affects your labors?

If you are able to make a brief

reply to these inquiries, you will greatly oblige

Your friend & brother in
the Lord

Rev. [illegible] Worcester

[illegible]

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

[illegible] letter of the 29th of Aug, I [illegible] that [illegible] would be better for [illegible] copy [illegible] original letter [illegible] my letter of the 21st ult., hoping that you will be able to say all that we need. The suggestion [illegible]

[illegible]

Very fraternally

[illegible]

S. B. Treat

[illegible]

Miss. House Boston

April 22 1859

Rev [illegible] Worcester

Dear Brother

Since my letter of the 20th it has occurred to me that [illegible] it would be better for you to reply to a formal letter. Since I send herewith my letter of the 20th inst, hoping that you will be able to say all that we need. [illegible] I made [illegible]

Very affectionately [illegible]

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Rev [illegible]

Dear Friend

Your favor of April [illegible] I have this day [illegible] political [illegible] I take "vacillating" [illegible] to me. However I have not been able to see that it would be right for me [illegible] political purposes.

It is quite clear, however, from what I have lately heard, that the [illegible] should have a copy of the letter. I send one, therefore, to the [illegible], which will be the property of the mission. The body of brethren can do what they please with it. If they think that copies should be given to the others, they can furnish them.

Miss. House, Boston
May 3. '59

Mr Jos. P. Folsom,
Choctaw Nation.

Dear Friend

Your favor of April I have this day rec'd. I have known nothing of the political relations of the Supt & Trustees of the Choctaw Schools till quite recently, & now I do not feel authorized to do any thing which shall look like "meddling" with what does not belong to me. Hence I have not been able to see that it would be right for me to furnish the copies of the letter of the Supt & Trustees, (inasmuch as they might be used for a political purpose,) as you request.

It is quite clear, however, from what I have lately heard, that the mission should have a copy of the letter. I send one, therefore, to Mr Kingsbury, which will be the property of the mission. This body of brethren can do what they please with it. If they think that copies should be given to you & others, they can furnish them.

I should be happy to oblige you by granting your request, without qualification. But I think you will see that considerations of delicacy & [illegible] propriety influencing me.

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Choctaw Mission

Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

5th. I have rec'd [illegible] explains everything that I did not understand before. I suppose you may have taken action in the case, on receiving my letter addressed to yourself, with Messrs. Byington, Edwards, Chamberlain & Libby; hence I shall make no further remarks. In any event which can be regarded as probable, I suppose the Com^ee would be quite willing to surrender the schools if the mission should deem it expedient.

I have just rec'd a letter from Geo. B. Folsom, asking that a copy of the letter from the Superintend^t of Indian affairs be sent to him, as also to Geo. [illegible] & Gov. [illegible]. The request is made, I presume, with a view to political agitation. Now I do not altogether like to send the copies, in such circumstances, & indeed, I am not sure

Miss. House, Boston
May 26. '59.

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Choctaw mission.

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Very respectfully

S. B. Treat

of [illegible] come into my hands. [illegible] have mine of April 8, apprising you of the pledges which we had conferred upon Messrs Kingsbury, Byington, & others, in regard [illegible]. I presume you have already had an interview with these missionaries; and trust the result has been satisfactory to all parties.

You ask for an explanation of the marking of my letter to you (Nov. [illegible]) "returned" at Doaksville. It is easily given. I did not know how to direct it. Your letter of April 19 has Fort Washita upon it; that of Dec. 6 had nothing to show where I should address you.

For information in regard to the schools at Good Land, [illegible] Land, &

Miss. House, Boston
May 4. '59

Messrs Robt. W. Nail,
Geo. Folsom,
Kennedy McCurtain,

Gentlemen:

Your letter of April 19 has this moment come into my hands. You will have received mine of April 8, apprising you of the powers which we had conferred upon Messrs Kingsbury, Byington, & others, in regard to the schools. I presume you have already had an interview with these missionaries; & I trust the result has been satisfactory to all parties.

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For information in regard to the schools at Good Land, Living Land, &

Washington, I beg leave to refer you to the mission. They can give you all the facts which you need.

I am very sincerely &
respectfully yours

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House Boston
April 27, 59

Rev L. R. Wheeler
Lowell, Mass

Dear Brother

I shall be at home tomorrow & next day & shall be happy to see you.

Yours of the 26th I have just rec^d.

Kindest regards to Mrs W. & the children

Fraternally
yrs

S. B. Treat

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April 27. '59

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S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
May 3. 1859.

Mrs. S. A. Worcester,
Cher. Mission.

Dear Madam,

By the kindness
of Miss Kinney, for which please to express
my thanks to her, I received the painful intelli-
gence of your dear husband's death at the
close of last week. I was in some measure
prepared for it by the recent communications
from Park Hill, but more especially by what his
brother Isaac had told me within a few days.
And yet I have heard of a death but seldom
which has saddened me more than this. I was
so much impressed by the tidings, indeed, that
in the course of a preparatory lecture which I
preached immediately after they came, I felt
constrained to make some allusion to the bereave-
ment.

It must be some relief to you, however,
as it is to others, to think that he is forever freed
from the sufferings through which of late he was
been called to pass. At the right time, & in the
best way, he has been transferred to his home.

in the heavens. His work is done, well done, & the Master has summoned him to his rest. What a change has passed upon him! What a release has he received from the toils & trials of earth! What a future is opening before him! Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart conceived that which he now knows & loves!

When we think of your dear husband, of his sterling qualities which fitted him for his [illegible] this mortal life. And yet we must think of the loss which we sustain in his removal. To me it is a sad thing to miss such a man from our ranks of brethren. So [illegible] wise in counsel, so intelligent, so conscientious, so firm for the right, I have greatly admired his character, & wished that more Christians were like him. In the slavery question now, [illegible] since then as well as in our Missionary troubles, I have felt that he was a very helpful member. And had [illegible] appointed his "times" for him, I should have continued him in life. Well we could then have had his assistance in our [illegible] opposition against the question so as to meet the new phase which it has assumed [illegible]

But our Heavenly Father makes no

mistakes in his orderings. Not too soon, nor yet too late, has our beloved friend been taken from us. We bow submissively, thanking Him, our blessed God, that he has permitted us to know such a man, & see his useful career come so fittingly to its end. May we all be prepared to follow him at the appointed hour!

Allow me to express to you & your children the deep sympathy which I feel in this trying hour. May the God of all comfort minister to you of his consolations, in his own infinite wisdom, & according to the multitude of his tender mercies! It is a heavy burden which is laid upon you; but he can, & I doubt not will, give you strength to bear it.

I know not what plans you may propose for your future course; &, indeed, you will naturally shrink from any change just now, if it must be made eventually. When you feel like writing to me on this subject, I shall be happy to hear from you. The Com^ee will be happy to do any thing for you which they consistently can; this I hardly need say, however.

I am, as ever, very affectionately yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston

May 5. '59

Rev C C Torrey
Cherokee Mission

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 22 ult. I have rec^d to day. I thank you for the notice of Mr Worcester; it will go into the June Herald.

As to the questions which you propound, I am not prepared to answer fully; but I will state my present impressions, & write again, a few days hence.

1. The translation. I am inclined to think that we had better attempt nothing beyond the N. T. As it seems to me, the Cherokee must die out before long. The people will be obliged to learn English in self-defence. But I will see the Sec. of the Bible Soc. & confer with the Prud. Com^ee.

2. Your location. Before I rec^d your letter, I had thought that the natural arrangement would be for you to leave Fairfield, & remove to Park Hill; the school to be continued, the house to be occupied as you mention. I cannot see any ~~thi~~ better way, for the present. As to the future, we will wait & see. I do not expect, however, that we shall be able to send another family to the nation, at least for some time to come. We have

loud & earnest calls for more missionaries than we can permit.

Please to assure Mrs T. of my affectionate regards. I wrote to Mr. W. two days ago.

Miss. House Boston
As ever very sincerely
May 6 1859
yours

Rev Jos. Chamberlin
Washington Pa

Dear Sir
S. B. Treat.

Your letter to Dr. Anderson has come into my hands, as I have charge of our Indian missions. I reply briefly, from the necessity of leaving the city in a short time under which I find myself.

The subject of resuming our operations on the Pacific coast, we have frequently had under consideration. I have written several times for information; but hitherto we have never received such reports as would justify us in incurring the unavoidable expenses of the undertaking. We have not decided to withhold all missionary efforts from that part of the world; but we wait for clearer light.

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May 6th 1859

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At the present time, moreover, we are suffering from a deficiency of men & money. We have not enough of the one or the other to carry forward our existing missions on the proper scale. For the present, therefore, I am obliged to say that we can do nothing for the Indians beyond the Rocky Mountains.

The Methodist Miss. Soc. has abundant resources; & it will realize a large sum from its property in Oregon. If there is a demand for missionary labor, in that part of the world, will not this institution respond?

Yours, very respectfully,

&c

S. B. Treat

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

[illegible] Mass. [illegible]

[illegible] May 22d [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Brethren.

The recent death of our departed brother Mr. Keller makes it proper that I should [illegible] to your [illegible] for your consideration, whether you will receive & adopt [illegible] the spirit from which they proceed. It is, indeed, a severe bereavement which has [illegible], come upon you. His experience and qualifications [illegible] very useful in his work; I cannot doubt that the Churches will feel that their loss is great, & in some respects irreparable. In your deliberations & plans especially, you will feel that a wise counsellor has been taken away from you, one whose firmness & integrity must have commended themselves to you in all your intercourse with him. But it is not my purpose to sketch his character; that may be done hereafter.

You will naturally ask, "What arrangements shall be made for this Hall?" And this involves another inquiry, "How shall the work of [illegible] be carried forward?" Mr. [illegible], I understand, is already connected with the department of labor, having done something therein, before & after [illegible] death

And I do not know that any one of your number can more easily remove to Park Hill; indeed, I am not sure that Messrs Ranney & Willey would be willing to leave their stations, & occupy the post that has become vacant.

If the mission shall take the same view of the case, it seems to us a natural & suitable arrangement that Mr T. should fill the place which our deceased brother has so long held. I wish it to be understood, however, that we lay no injunction upon you. If any other plan shall appear preferable, we shall be glad to hear from you.

2. We are not prepared to say how far the work of translation should be carried. The New Testament should be finished at any rate. But it does not seem to us, or to Dr Brigham, of whom I have consulted, to undertake the rendering of the O.T. into Cherokee, except that portions of it may perhaps be wisely translated. After the N.T. it may be well to take up the Psalms; but a plan which should embrace the whole, or a large part of it, had better, we suppose, not be adopted. We can "feel our way" for a time, after which we shall know more [illegible]

3. But what shall be done for Fairfield? The case is not free from difficulty. Several solutions are possible. (a) We can abandon it at once, on various grounds. (b) We can give it to the Moravians. (c) We can keep up the school, permitting some one to occupy the buildings. or (d) We can try to send a new missionary to the station.

Beginning with the last hypothesis, I must say that I see but little prospect of its realization. We are sadly straitened for missionaries, & are likely to be. Important & interesting fields must remain unpossessed for want of laborers. In these circumstances, with the uncertainties which hang over the future of the Cherokees, I do not think it possible to procure fellowworkers for you, whom you would be glad to welcome. Our finances, you know, are unpromising.

Next, in order, I recur to the plan of giving the station to the Moravians. This seems to me the best, on the whole; though, I doubt not, you will be reluctant to contemplate such a disposition of Fairfield. But they have taken the Spring, & are to take Honey Creek. Perhaps they have a special call to this field, while we are called to lands, which are opening their doors, for the first time, in the world's history.

Should you think that the school had better be continued for the present, some person occupying the premises, you may feel at liberty to complete the arrangement. I trust, however, that your plans will not reach far into the future; & the Comee will expect to be consulted, if much expense is involved.

How much they would authorize, I am not authorized to say. They would rather know the plan and what you think proper & desirable.

4. We have not made any disposition of the Choctaw slavery question. I suppose that a separation will take place; but it will not, I presume, involve your relation to the Board. Perhaps the best thing to be done is for you to write to me, as a mission or individually as you prefer, giving me the facts which bear upon the question. Particularly state you will state (1) whether you adhere to the Good Water paper; (2) how many slaveholders have been received to each of your chhs, since the words sent, & on what basis; (3) how many there are (in all) in each chh.; (4) how many slaves are employed by yourselves, & for what reasons. It might be well for you to state whether you are regarded as South slavery men, & in the way of the formation of a slave state, or any thing else that bears in this direction. I will regard as confidential whatever you mark as such.

I am, as ever, very fraternally yours,
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 20. 59

Rev. C. C. Torrey,
Cher. Nation.

Dear Brother

Your letter of April 22 was rec^d in due time; the part relating to our dear Bro. R. you will see in the Herald. Shall we have the materials for a fitting obituary notice? –

I send herewith a letter to the mission which will answer the queries contained in your letter. It is clear to my mind that you had better go to Park Hill; but the mission should have the liberty of expressing its mind in the case. As to the translation, I think you had better not make any definite plans for going beyond the N. T. The next annual meeting of the Board may throw some light upon the question. At any rate I suppose that neither the Bible Soc. nor the Board would think it wise to translate any considerable portion of the ~~[illegible]~~ O. T.

I do not feel quite sure that we shall get beyond the slavery agitation, and at the same time retain your mission. If you shall answer the relations proposed as I expect. It will seem to me, & I think to the Com.ee proper & advisable to continue the existing relation. But there is a stronger desire in some minds to have the Board disconnected from slavery entirely & forever, ~~some~~ on one ground or another, there being a difference in the modes of reasoning on the subject. How extensive this feeling will prove to be, I do not know. My expectation, however, is that it will not be strong enough to separate you from us.

I hope you will be frank & full in your statements. If there are matters that should be confidential, I will regard them as such. But the more we know, the better able we shall be to deliberate & act in the premises. According to the plan for which I now write, your answers would not be published, or even read in full. On the contrary, we shall probably make a statement, embracing the material facts which you furnish. This course, I suppose you will prefer. If, however, you choose to make your own statement, & have it read without change, you can take that course.

The most important points to be made out are (1) that you have not swerved from the Goodwater paper; (2) that you have admitted no slaveholders to the chh. since Mr Wood's visit, or, if you have done so, that they were rec^d in accordance with the Goodnoter paper, (3) that you hire no slaves, or if you do, that it is for reasons of "necessity & mercy", or "necessary mercy", or the better phrase is.

I desire the actual no. of slaveholders in each chh. at the present time, as well as the admissions to each, since Mr Wood's visit. Other facts may occur to you as important in their bearings.

[illegible] the Report [illegible] at Fairfield, I will say [illegible] of our [illegible] so as the Com^ee [illegible] certain degree by its past history. Some our statements are distinctly remembered. "Is it our duty", I am compelled to say, "in view of all the discouragements at Willstown, present & prospective, the [illegible] of the promise in other fields, to continue our efforts there?" If yours & the brethren's differ decidedly from us, we shall be glad to hear from you.

Kind regards to Mrs W. Mrs B. & Miss Kenny

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 23. 1859.

Rev. N. Lord. D.D.
Hanover. N. H.

Rev. & Dear Sir.

Our meeting of Comee has been held to day, & your account is duly accepted. I send herewith the sum, $589.60. which you have expended during the year.

A copy of your letter, I shall transmit to Mr Lawrie, that the gentlemen in Scotland may know how well the money which we receive from them, is expended for the Indian youth under your care.

I am, as ever,

Very respectfully yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
May 23. 1859.

John Tawse Esq
Edinburgh.

Dear Sir.

Your Comee in America have held their annual meeting to day. The account of Dr. Lord has been duly examined & approved; & I have been authorized to draw on your Treasr for the amount expended by him, viz. $589.60. The bill will reach you in due time, I doubt not.

I send herewith a copy of Dr. Lord's letter, as it will give you gratifying information in regard to the beneficiaries under his care. I have no reason to suspect that his favorable estimate of them is at all misplaced.

Mr. Wright still continues his useful labors among the Senecas. His hold upon their affections, & his fidelity in the performance of his duties as a missionary are undiminished. He is a man of rare excellence.

I am, &c,

most respectfully & truly yours,

S. B. Treat

Sec. &c. &c.

Missionary House Boston

Sep 28th 1847

Rev. C. C. [illegible]

Dear Brother

Yours of the 20th April [illegible] reached [illegible] I have laid before the Com[illegible] They have [illegible] the [illegible] of this [illegible]

[illegible] in regard to the [illegible] of your [illegible] to the Board. The matter is so grave, that we wish to take ample time for its consideration.

I am glad to see that your [illegible] very pleasing accessions to the church. The Lord be praised for all his goodness [illegible]

[illegible] regards [illegible]

Very affectionately yours

S. B. Treat

Missionary House Boston
May 25th 1859

Rev. C. C. Copeland,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother:

Your favor of the 20th April I have received, with the mission minutes. Your request in regard to the expenses of your daughter's schooling, I have laid before the Committee. They have cheerfully voted the same (fifty dollars) in accordance with the vote of the mission. You are at liberty, therefore, to charge that amount to Mr Gordon, whenever you shall have appropriated it for the purpose indicated. [illegible] I rejoice that her place [illegible].

We have taken no action in regard to the [illegible] of your inquiries to the Board. The matter is so grave, that we must take ample time for its consideration.

I am glad to say that your annual report shows very pleasing accessions to the churches. The Lord be praised for all his goodness unto you & to your people. If the same should come [illegible] regards of [illegible] financial year. If you [illegible] Mr Gordon $125 before

Very affectionately yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
May 28. 1859

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letters of March 21. & 22 & April 21. are before me. I should have answered the last at an earlier day, but for my absence from the Miss. House.

Your notice of Miss Dwight I placed in the hands of the Editor of the Herald; & you will see what use he has made of it. If I had been the editor, I should probably published the notice entire. I rejoice that her place is filled so easily & well. The Lord has certainly been very gracious to you in the matter of assistants; & I certainly feel like praising him therefor.

The question of allowing Allen Wright $450 I have laid before the Comm. & they cheerfully accede to your request. They would prefer, however, that only half of the sum should come into the accounts of the present financial year. If you will charge Mr Gordon $225. before

July 31 & the rest at a subsequent date, we shall be obliged to you. This, I suppose, you can do without difficulty.

We have not taken any action in the matter of your relations to the Board. The question has not been before the Comee for some time past.

Dr. Pomeroy is still in London; he may not return for some three months. I think he does not expect to resume the duties of his office till after the annual meeting. In this event I shall not go home till that time.

You will see that our receipts are not large; on the contrary, we have the prospect of a large debt at the close of our financial year. It may be $75.000, or possibly more. This is not a pleasant fact to contemplate.

Please to assure Mrs. K. of my continued affection, & remember me kindly to all associated with you.

Very affectionately & truly

Yours

S. B. Treat

{Private & Confidential}

Miss. House Boston
June 7. 1857.

Rev. Asher Wright
Senecas. –

Dear Brother

I receive communications occasionally from your Indians; hitherto I have given but little heed to them. Yesterday there came one from some 17 chh members, male & female, including Stacy, Daniel Twoguns, Wm Jimeson, D. W. Pierce, John Jackett, Dr Snow, Wm Johnson, &c. It solicits the aid of the Comm^ee in settling difficulties, saying that unless something is done, Krause & some 12 others will leave the chh. The personal presence of a member of the Comm^ee is proposed, as due not only to the chh but to other important interests of the Board. That a written statement will be sent, if desired. You & Mr Gleason are not consulted, from a sense of delicacy.

Now I should be glad to have your impressions as to whether we should do any thing, & if so what. Please to write as soon as practicable.

Israel Jimeson & Lewis Seneca have written a letter on the other side.

Kind regards to Mrs W.

Fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston

June 7. 1859

Rev. W. Willey

Cherokee Mission

Dear Brother,

Your favor of May 5, with the letter of Mr Reese, &c. I have duly received & submitted to the Com^{ee}. I am instructed by them to say that they do not see the way clear to assume the charge of such a school as Mr Reese proposes. (I see that he has made the same offer to the Southern Baptists; I presume it has been made to others also.) Hence they must respectfully decline the offer, as they did some years ago. You will, of course, apprise Mr R. of our views in the case.

If you & the mission should think that our property at Dwight might be turned to so good account by having an orphan school there, though conducted by some other society or persons, & that we should do well to surrender our interests to a certain extent, for the good of the Cherokees, I think the Com^{ee} will be inclined to entertain favorably any plan which you may suggest. Say this in consequence of the remark of Mr Reese as to the "superior advantages" of Dwight for such a school.

I am sorry to hear that Mrs. Willey is not enjoying better health. Should a visit to Wisconsin seem to be necessary for her restoration, you are at liberty to make it at the expense of the Board. Please to assure Mrs. W. & Miss [illegible] of my kindest respects. As ever, fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

with the letter of [illegible] your ch. [illegible] I received & perused with regret. I had hoped that the difficulties in the Cath. ch. would give place to harmony & brotherly love; but it seems that this blessing has not yet been granted unto it.

I read both communications to the Prud. Com. yesterday; but no one of their number can conveniently visit you at the present time; & their wisdom could not decide upon any other course as expedient in the circumstances.

The subject will be kept in mind, & when any decision as to what had better be done in this case, it shall have been made,

Miss. House, Boston

June 8. 1857

N. T. Strong, Esq.
Catt. Reservation

My dear Sir.

Yours of June 1. with the letter of certain members of your chh. have been received & perused with regret. I had hoped that the difficulties in the Catt. chh. would give place to harmony & brotherly love; but it seems that this blessing has not yet been granted unto it.

I read both communications to the Prud. Com^ee yesterday; but no one of their number can conveniently visit you at the present time; & their wisdom could not decide upon any other course as expedient in the circumstances.

The subject will be kept in mind, & when any decision as to what had better be done in the case, shall have been made, I will inform you at the earliest opportunity. Meantime, I shall pray that counsels of peace may prevail among you, & that the Lord himself will adjust a question which occasions so much difficulty.

Should any thing occur which it may be well for me to know, I trust that you will keep me informed.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

[illegible]

suppose you confer with [illegible], [illegible] Department [illegible], on condition that we agree [illegible] these matters, one or both, for the [illegible] of the Com[illegible] I will see that the matter is attended to at once.

The question is so delicate that I dread to take hold of it. [illegible] is away for a time, the difficulty may clear out. At any rate the case will be more manageable. Providence may open the door to some other field. Kind regards to all &c.

Affectionately yrs

S. B. Treat

[illegible]

Miss. House. Boston
June 16. 1859

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca.—

Dear Brother

Your favor of June 12 I have just rec^d & I thank you for it. I think well of your plan for engaging Mr Gleason as an agency for the Orphan asylum. Suppose you confer with him, & get his consent thereto, on condition that we agree to this, and then write, one or both, for the approval of the Com^ee & I will see that the matter is attended to at once.

The question is so delicate that I dread to take hold of it. If Brother G. is away for a time, the difficulty may die out. At any rate the case will be more manageable. Providence may open the door to some other field. Kind regards to all &c.

Affectionately yrs
S. B. Treat

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Miss. Rooms, Boston
June 17. 1859

Rev. Asher Wright
Senecas.

Dear Brother

Some time since Mr Waldo, our purchasing agent, sent two boxes of clothing to you by my direction. He wrote to you, apprising you of the fact, & at the same time he gave me the Mem. which is sent herewith. I intended to forward it at once, but it was mislaid. I trust you will have rec^d the boxes & their contents in good order.

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
June 26. 1859.

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakota Mission

Dear Brother

Your letters of March 21 & April 11 have come safely to hand. I am sorry that you did not attend the meeting of the Assembly; but the Lord ordered it otherwise, & doubt not, for wise reasons. I saw Mr Thomson there, your Com'r & brother of our Mr T. in the Syria mission. He seems to be an excellent man.

There is something of a movement towards the formation of an ecclesiastical Board for conducting foreign missions; but the matter does not make much progress. A change in this respect, I presume, will come in due time; but there is a strong feeling against it in many parts of the Presby^n Ch.

Mr. Thomson stated at Wilmington that your two churches had become one. Is this strictly true? Or, do you act together, while there are really two churches? Please to inform me.

Your account of John Otherday is very interesting. shall be glad to hear that he continues "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord". The conversion of such a man, followed by a holy life, is a striking proof of the power of the gospel. May he never belie the hopes which have been excited by his professions.

I send herewith a printed letter, to remind you of the material that we shall need for our annual report. Please to show it to Mr Williamson, that he ~~ought~~ furnish his part of the facts which we desire to receive.

If you can give me a just idea of your work, your people, &c., with some details of interest, I shall be much obliged to you. All that can legitimately be said, to indicate progress & encourage hope, should be said. especially as we shall probably lose our most prosperous mission among the Indians, before the next meeting of the Board. Whether the Cherokee mission will abide with us, for any considerable length of time, I am not able to say. The next meeting of the Board may throw some light on the subject.

You see that we are closing the financial year with a heavy debt. We cannot tell how much it will be; but I suppose it may reach $75.000 or $80,000; possibly it will go beyond that sum. At any rate, we must enter upon our jubilee with a heavy burden. This ought not to be.

Please to assure Mrs R. your children, associates & all my good friends among the Dakotas of my continued interest & affection; & believe me, as ever,

Your friend & brother in
the work of the gospel
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 28. '59

Col. H. Stewart Esq
New York

Dear Sir.

On the 26th of March I wrote to you, requesting that had been done by Congress in the matter of the Osage money; but I have as yet rec'd no reply. May I ask the favor of an early answer. It is very desirable for us to get this question settled.

Very truly Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 28. '59

Mr. J. M. Pierce
[illegible] Cath. Co.

Dear Brother

Your favor [illegible] I have read [illegible] with great pleasure. I am glad to be so fully informed of your plans & labors; & I [illegible] [illegible] you for the account which you give [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I pray that the work may be deepened more & more.

I trust that you will take as much of Jol Pierce as possible. The tendency, in all such cases, is to be satisfied with doing less than is really feasible. Such minds as his are not aggressive; they need to be stimulated & encouraged. I have no doubt you will keep this in mind. Let it be your endeavor to make the most of his services.

Miss. House, Boston
June 28, 1859.

Mr. N. H. Pierce,
Friend's Ferry. Catt. Co.

Dear Brother,

Yours favor of May 10 I have rec'd & perused with great pleasure. I am glad to be so fully informed of your plans & their labors; & I am especially obliged to you for the account which your letter contains of the work on Cornplanters reservation. I hope & pray that this work may be developed more & more.

I trust that you will make as much of Jas. Pierce as possible. The tendency, in all such cases, is to be satisfied with doing less than is really feasible. Such minds as his are not aggressive; they need to be stimulated & encouraged. I have no doubt you will keep this in mind. Let it be your endeavor to make the most of his services.

I hope Miss Kenney will send me a report of her school.

It will be seen that there is some delicacy or difficulty, perhaps, to fix his salary. For $200 he should devote his time mainly to missionary labor. According to your statement, he is entitled to much less than this sum. This, I presume, you will assent to, if, as funds, suppose he practically receives his goods [illegible] thus [illegible]. I am not informed. [illegible] progress of the schools at Old Town, you do not speak. I trust that it is exerting a healthful influence upon the place.

I have given directions that hence the Herald be sent to you, as also the Journal.

Kind regards to all associates with you.

Ever fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

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Miss. Rooms Boston
Jan 29. 1859

Rev C. C. Torrey
Park Hill.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Jan 13, with the minutes of your informal meeting, I have duly rec'd. That part of your letter, (as also of the minutes,) which relates to salary, I read to the Com^ee yesterday.

I must say that I am a little disappointed by the course which you have taken. Our missionaries are accustomed to give the information which we ask, without hesitation, even in cases of the greatest delicacy. They make such suggestions as to the use which may be made of this information as they think best, & we always endeavor to conform to their wishes. But the doctrine of the Miss. Rooms is, that facts are needed for intelligent action, & the Com^ee must be allowed to judge what they shall do with them.

I cannot see that your case should be taken out of the general rule. True, your circumstances are peculiar & critical; but so are ours. True, your work may be damaged; but [illegible] would be damaged, so that even a larger scale [illegible] no force, could produce this complete [illegible] at Philadelphia, it is, therefore, important that one have the most useful information, that he may know how to act in new emergencies; but the same [illegible] supposed would be called in question. How many stockholders are there in the Cherokee [illegible]? How many [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] constituted [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] family [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] since

[illegible] It is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] four year [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I thought [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] particularly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] always [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] much as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] many. What [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of time. I am not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in any event; but a frank & free communication of the facts, on your part, will be most likely to prolong your labors among the Cherokees. You can say what you please as to the careful use of the facts; we shall do the best we can; but the course I have indicated, I am confident, is the safest for you.

After receiving your letter, with the minutes, I will not repeat all the enquiries which I sent before; not that I attach less importance to them; but I feel obliged to ask for the facts in regard to the slaveholding church members. How many are there in each of the four chhs, Honey Creek included? How many have been admitted (if any) to chh since Mr Woods visit? When I wrote before, I supposed that the question would operate decidedly in our & your favor. Am I mistaken in this regard?

I write to you, rather than to the mission, in the belief that you all may prefer to do nothing as a mission. Messrs Willey & Ranney may be willing to communicate the facts to you, (if you donot know them,) although they would dislike to write, either singly or collectively, to the Miss. House. I am perfectly willing that they should see this letter.

Kind regards to all at Park Hill. Truly yrs

S B Treat

Miss. House. Boston
June 29. 1859

Rev. J. C. Ramsey
Choc. Mission

Dear Brother

I send herewith my printed letter, as a remembrancer of the material which I need for the annual report. I trust you will answer it at your early convenience.

You will have learned, I presume, that the brethren who met at Good Water held an informal meeting, declined answering certain questions which I addressed to them, bearing on the relations of your mission to slavery. I appreciate their reluctance to say any thing; still the refusal is fitted to embarrass us.

I have written to Mr Byington asking for information on two items, which I hope he will furnish. He may or may not apply to you for your part. I sent my letter to him, supposing that probably Mr Kingsbury & yourself would prefer not to say any thing, & would rather have him take the responsibility.

Kind regards to Mrs R. & to Miss Spooner

Fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
June 29. '57

Rev. W. Willey,
Cher. Mission.

Dear Brother,

I send herewith my printed letter, to indicate just what I need in making out the annual report. I hope Miss Swain will give me a full account of her school. I am sorry that the brethren who were at Park Hill, declined giving me information in regard to the relations of the mission to the subject of slavery. The refusal is fitted to embarrass us in our course; but will not tend to conciliate the Board, meanwhile, to perform its duty. I have written to Mr Torrey, asking for the facts in regard to the slaveholding church members. I hope that so much will at least be furnished. I send my letter to him, supposing that you & Mr Ranney would [illegible] [illegible].

Kind regards to Mrs W. & Miss Swain & all your fellow laborers;

Yrs truly, [illegible]

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 11. '59

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 25th ult. I have rec'd. The request which you said that Mr. Gleason may spend some time in raising money for the Orphan Asylum I have laid before the Com'ee & they consent that he may take the course which you propose. We expect you, meanwhile, to perform his duties.

Mr. G. may enter on this service as soon as you & he ~~shall~~ think it expedient. While he comes to the East for this object, I would like to see him, at the meeting of the Board, if not before.

Kind regards to Mrs. W. Mr & Mrs G.
& all your fellow laborers

In haste, Yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
July 13. '59

Rev S. J. Clark
Brooklyn O.

Dear Brother

You may have heard the sad news from Odanah. I rec'd a letter from Dr. Ellis last evening, in which he gives an account of our dear Bro. Wheeler's sudden & to me most unexpected sickness. The "pulmonary hemorrhage" is so severe, that he must be laid aside from his labors for some time; & we cannot be *sure* that he will ever resume them again.

It is quite clear that something must be done for Odanah at once. Mr. & Mrs. Wheeler need to be *comforted* & relieved as much as possible. Matters are in just that state, that a prudent adviser can be of great use. The farmers I learn from Dr. Ellis gave up, discouraged & disheartened by an unusual rise of Bad River. The boarding school needs to be put in motion, wisely & continuously. And just when Bro. Wheeler's help would be most valuable, he is laid aside,

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& ought to be free from all solicitude & embarrass-ment. It will be indispensable for the recovery.

In this circumstance, I am happy to tell you [illegible] might make another [illegible] Admiral [illegible] would go. If I could give the officer leave for the long absence, [illegible] will not return for some months, [illegible] upon [illegible]. Can you put your work into such a state as to justify your absence for a time? The public service may [illegible], perhaps you can do [illegible] of [illegible]. If you can go, I think you will & Mr Gordon agree with me in this [illegible] no obstacle, for [illegible] the Com[illegible] [illegible] will not [illegible] before the [illegible] I will undertake to take the responsibility of [illegible]; the sooner you start, the better for [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] but little [illegible] of suggestions. [illegible] of your visit will be to consult [illegible] Mr W. [illegible] the President will [illegible] consider [illegible] them. You will be able to [illegible] advice as to what shall be done in the emergency. You will [illegible] I doubt not, & [illegible] the feelings, of all connected with the mission; but some one may be unable, who can suggest what had better be done in various particulars. I refer mainly, of course, to temporary arrangements. It will not be best to make plans which will reach far ahead, unless it shall be necessary. 3. The carrying on of our labors in future will demand some attention. You will have formed an opinion as to Bro. W's prospects in regard to health. If he shall be able to resume his labors at no distant day, there will be no occasion for getting any one to assume his cares. But if he is to be laid aside for a long time, then we shall need a temporary supply. If, alas! his work is finished, we must see who is called of God to this interesting field. This is a matter which will naturally receive your attention. You will keep in mind, of course, the fact that Rev. S. Hall, now of Sauk Rapids, was once in the Ojibwa mission. He is an excellent man, & has many qualifications for the work. He is 58 years of age, however. In the event of Mr Wheeler being finally laid aside, it may be well to see how Mr & Mrs W. would regard his occupancy of Odanah. Henry Blatchford, & [illegible], of all connected with the mission; but some one may be wanted, who can suggest what had better be done in divers particulars. I refer mainly, of course, to temporary arrangements. It will not be best to make plans which will reach far ahead, unless it shall be necessary. 3. The carrying on of our labors in future will demand some attention. You will soon have an opinion as to Mr W's prospects in regard to health. If he shall be able to resume his labors at no distant day, there will be no occasion for getting any one to assume his cares. But if he is to be laid aside for a long time, then we shall need a temporary supply. If, alas! his [illegible] work is finished, we must see who is called of God to this interesting field. This is a matter which will naturally receive your attention. You will keep in mind, of course, the fact that Rev S. Hall, now of Sauk Rapids, was once in the Ojibwa mission. He is an excellent man, & has many qualifications for the [illegible] life. He is 58 years of age, however. In the event of Mr Wheeler's being finally laid aside, it may be well to see how Mr & Mrs W. would regard his occupancy of Odanah. Henry Blatchford, I presume, would think [illegible] of [illegible] not [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] from the present [illegible]; but it is best to keep the possibility of such a change before the mind, so that should it be the case, at all events, we should be ready to look for [illegible].

I allude to this now because, while I hope that there will be no occasion for any change, you will be the person, when your [illegible] to [illegible] in the [illegible] report [illegible] the necessity of supplying his place; but if he should be [illegible] for [illegible], the [illegible] of the [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible]. I hope to [illegible] that you may apply your [illegible] to [illegible] it, as the [illegible] shall [illegible] to [illegible] it. The feelings of [illegible] you [illegible] absolutely [illegible] with the greatest [illegible].

I am, &c.

Very [illegible]

[illegible]

J. [illegible]

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Mis. House Boston

July 11 '59

Rev. L. H. Wheeler

Ojibwas. —

Dear Brother

Last evening I rec'd a letter from Dr Ellis, informing me that you have had a hemorrhage, & infer from his statement that it is somewhat serious. You will readily suppose that the announcement took me altogether by surprise; & even now I can hardly realize that you have been very decidedly unwell.

I sincerely hope & pray that the Lord will be pleased to raise you up speedily, for it would seem that your labors are needed to be extended at Odanah, & that the harvest time is to come at no distant day. But we have found that useful men are not always spared; the best of our missionaries are sometimes laid aside most unexpectedly. We have the consolation, however, that God makes no mistakes. What he lays upon us, is a wise & blessed burden. I trust you will find it so. His word is sure.

Miss. House Boston
July 13 '59

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I hope you will be able to dismiss all care-
fulness & anxiety [illegible] that will be best. The needs
of your family, [illegible] you & are all in good
hands. There could be no improvement in
this respect. God's bounty just as [illegible]
ful for all; & his love & faithfulness & resource
are infinitely greater than ours. I beg of you,
therefore, just to leave yourself to [illegible] as
a trusting child. Wait patiently for the
unfolding of the divine plan; it will
come forth in [illegible]
glory.

Having [illegible] that you [illegible] might
[illegible] some friend & counsellor at this juncture, &
[illegible] written letter to [illegible] Clark, asking
him to [illegible] you of sympathy [illegible] may be
ably [illegible] comfort
you; [illegible] plead [illegible] fear [illegible]
[illegible] consequently
as you will not be able to report [illegible]
[illegible] important [illegible] you
[illegible]
business [illegible] Clar-
[illegible] be helpful [illegible] needed to
aided most.

Of course, I am not sure that Mr Clark will make that visit in question; nor if he goes, I cannot say when he will start. I presume, however, that if you see him at all, it will be soon after the receipt of this letter. He may write to you immediately.

I trust & pray that Mrs. W. will be sustained in this unexpected trial. I have not heard how you made the journey to your western home, & how you found yourselves on reaching it. Whatever strength she gained at the East was clearly needful for the new scene through which she has been called to pass.

Perhaps your sickness will be made a blessing to your people. Providence may have spoken to them in tones which will have more effect than any preaching of man. The Lord grant that it may be so.

I wish very much that I knew just how you were. Then I should know much better what to write. As it is, I feel that I cannot adapt myself to the circumstances, as I should be glad to do. But there is One, that understands the case thoroughly; your Elder Brother, Our High Priest, who can be touched with a feeling of your infirmities. To Him I commend you, with your dear infirm children, & the work to which you have devoted so many years. The Lord bless & keep you evermore!

Kindest feelings to all the [illegible]

Yours, for ever

Very sincerely your brother in the faith

S. B. Treat

Miss [illegible] Heavey, Boston
July 14.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of [illegible] & read with care. [illegible] days I have been thinking whether the right place for your daughter can be found in these parts; but I have not been able to get [illegible] upon any thing that is satisfactory. There are many children of missionaries to be provided for in New England, & hence there is a large demand for such places as you speak of. I shall keep the subject in mind; & if I discover any thing to your advantage, I will inform you with great pleasure.

Mr. Gleason is settled for a time in behalf of the Orphan Asylum. This will throw among the churches continually, perhaps bring [illegible] what you need.

Kind regards to Mr. P.

Very respectfully & truly yrs

S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
July 14. '59

Mrs. M. J. Peirce
Catt. Res. N.Y.

Dear Madam.

Your letter of June 27 I have rec'd & read with care. For some days I have been thinking whether the right place for your daughter can be found in these parts; but I have not been able to get to settle upon any thing that is satisfactory. There are many children of missionaries to be provided for in New England; hence there is a large demand for such places as you speak of. I will still keep the subject in mind; & if I discover any thing to our advantage, I will inform you with great pleasure.

Mr. Gleason is to travel for a time in behalf of the Orphan Asylum. This will throw among the Churches continually; perhaps he may find what you need.

Kind regards to Mr. P.

Very respectfully & truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
July 14. 1859

Rev S. L. Hobbs,
Choct. Mission

Dear Brother

You will have rec'd my letter of April 10. & also rec'd yours of March 20. I have been waiting some time, expecting that I should have something definite to say in regard to the relations of your mission to the Board. But the Com^ee think it best to act very deliberately. They are not anxious to precipitate the issue. But I think that the question will be decided in a short time. The result, I presume, will be similar to that I indicated in my letter of April 10. In other words, I think that the Com^ee will vote to discontinue the mission, leaving the brethren to make such arrangements for the future as they shall prefer. But you will know more hereafter.

Kindest regards to Mrs. H.

Very sincerely yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
July 14. 1859

Rev C. Byington
Choct. Miss

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 26th April I recd in due time. I am glad to hear that the Lord still blesses your churches; & I hope & pray that he may continue to do so, long after you & I shall have finished our work. It is a pleasant thought to me, that the cause of Christ will go forward just as well (if not better) when I am out of the way, as it does now. Let us rejoice that the Kingdom of God has but little dependence upon men. There is a divine power, which secures its stability & its final establishment in all the earth.

The Prud. Comee have not acted definitively in the case of your mission, though I think they will very soon. Unexpected delays have occurred; we do not feel in any haste. Wisdom, you know, is occasionally the daughter of time. We have lost nothing, I am sure, by the deliberation with which we have acted.

We cannot predict the amount of our debt with any confidence. I think, from present appearances, that it will not be far from $70,000. We paid $[illegible] in June on the same month in '58. It will be hard to advance upon $58,000 the receipts for Sept. '58, still we may do it.

Mr. Quincy has not returned, and will not be at home for some weeks. We shall not have enough to defray even the current expenses [illegible]; since a debt becomes especially inconvenient.

Please to [illegible] the [illegible] of my affectionate regards.

I am, as ever,
very faithfully
yours
S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston,
July 14, 1859.

Rev. A. Gleason
[illegible] —

Dear Brother:
Your kind [illegible] I presume that the one [illegible] corresponded [illegible] Mr. Wright's request in the matter of the Orphan Asylum, & you are at liberty to [illegible] just [illegible] as you [illegible] I have heard nothing as to the character of your labors, [illegible] the line of things, that point may be as well left in doubt for the present. Time will show what is best.

[illegible] also, [illegible] will [illegible] times [illegible] to start the service to be performed by you; I have no doubt that it will afford a pleasant change. You will get away from the perplexities [illegible] here for a time [illegible]

I shall expect to see you sometime, at some time, during the campaign. Shall you be at Philadelphia? If so, we can discuss all matters of interest there.

Kind regards to [illegible]

Very fraternally yours
[illegible]

Miss. House Boston
July 14. 1859

Mrs S. A. Worcester
Cherokee Mission

Miss. House, Boston
July 14. 1859

Edwin Allen M. D.
Kellesey P.O. Mo

Dear Sir

Your favor of June [illegible] did not reach me till a few hours ago. I thank you much for the information which you have sent me. I am distressed, however, by the account which you give of Mr Wheeler's health. I cannot but hope that his life will be preserved, that he may still [illegible] labor for the good of his people.

I wrote two long letters yesterday, one to Mrs. W., & another to Rev S. G. Clark, our Dist. Sec. for Northern Ohio, in which I have requested the latter to visit & [illegible] as [illegible] he can [illegible] the [illegible] & comfort [illegible] Mr & Mrs. W.

The consolations of [illegible] they [illegible] [illegible] remember [illegible] the kindness of Christian friends, [illegible] joy. May it be so in your case! Kind regards to [illegible]

Very affectionately yours
S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 14. 1859

Mrs. S. A. Worcester
Cherokee Mission

Dear Madam.

My letter of May 3 you will have rec^d. It passed yours of April 26 on the road, as the latter reached me on the 10th of May.

You will have learned from other letters of mine, that I fully appreciate your sentiments in regard to Mr Torrey. I am glad that he is to labor at Park Hill, for which I think him very well fitted.

I should be pleased to hear from Miss Kenney in regard to her school, as also in regard to other matters. Will you have the goodness to say as much to her? She can write well enough to use her pen more frequently.

You still feel your sad bereavement most deeply; it may be that time only adds to the burden, as is often the case. But the consolations which Christ tenders are wonderful. To the mourner, especially, he opens all the treasures of his love, giving peace as a river, & filling the soul with unspeakable joy. May it be so in your case! Kind regards to all with you.

Very affectionately Yrs
S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
July 14. 1857.

Rev. J. S. Chamberlain
Choct. Mission.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of May 2, with the accompanying notes I have duly rec^d. I thank you for keeping me informed of the course of events in your part of the world.

The final disposition of the schools has not occurred; tho' I have rec^d a letter, which describes the action of the five brethren. I presume I shall know more very soon.

The Prud. Com^ee have not acted upon the question of the future relations of the mission. Unexpected delays have occurred. I think, however, that we shall decide definitively within a short time. It is better to act wisely in such a case than to act hastily.

Kind regards to Mrs. Chamberlain & your fellow laborers.

Very sincerely yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
July 14. 1858

N. T. Strong, Esq.
Irving, N. Y.

Dear Sir.

I have your letters of the 12th June & the 6th July before me. The former I read with special interest & pleasure. I hope & pray that the Lord will further & bless the Newtown effort; & may his grace be shed down abundantly on your own household. I am happy in the thought that my children are members of Christ's visible ch., & hope that they will be accepted of him in the last day.

I regret that so many have felt constrained to leave the Catt. Ch. But if it must be, I trust that the Lord will bring good out of it. He loves his own cause far better

Miss. House, Boston

July 25, '59

Rev. S. W. Pond
Shakopee

[illegible] do. Let all parties seek to promote & cherish a humble & Christ-like spirit; & there must be a blessing in store for you.

[illegible] has requested the Com. to allow Mr. Gleason to [illegible] for that [illegible]; & we have consented that he may do so. This will probably occupy his attention [illegible] some time. Meanwhile Mr. [illegible] will take charge of the pulpit.

Very respectfully,
S. B. Treat

I was glad to learn [illegible] mark on account [illegible] informa-tion [illegible] of you [illegible] pleasant [illegible] However, over your [illegible] still alive, still are members of our church. The two youngest of whom you will remember, [illegible] & [illegible] will be in Williams College in a few weeks, [illegible]. I have some hope that they will be missionaries; but I am not at all certain that God will deem me "worthy." With some it is a grievous disappointment to have children enter the foreign service; with me the opposite will hold true.

Mrs. T. is in tolerable health. We live in the same house that we occupied when you visited us; so that you can imagine just how we look, &c. But we are all getting older,

Miss. House, Boston,
July 25. '59

Rev. S. W. Pond
Shakopee, Minn.

Dear Brother

I was glad to receive your favor of the 4th not so much on account of the donation, as the information that it brought me. I hear of you & yours occasionally; but it is pleasant to be certified of your living activity in the service of our common Master, over your own signature.

My three sons are still alive, & all are members of the church. The two youngest (whom you will remember, I doubt not) will be in Williams College in a few weeks, & I have some hope that they will be missionaries; but I am not at all certain that God will deem me "worthy." With some it is a grievous disappointment to have children enter the foreign service; with me the opposite will hold true.

Mrs. T. is in tolerable health. We live in the same house that we occupied when you visited us; so that you can imagine just how we look, &c. But we are all getting older, I shall not need human habitations much longer. The thought is not unpleasant to me. "I would" not live "always." It is better to depart, to "be with Christ," when the appointed time shall have come.

Our debt is likely to be quite large, say about $70,000; but the Year of the jubilee will liquidate it. They are not cast down, though we are burdened.

I was glad to see the school at Wilmington; I should have enjoyed seeing you or your brother there very much. Perhaps this satisfaction is in reserve for me.

With kindest regards to you
Very fraternally Yrs
H. B. Reed

Miss. House Boston
July 25. 1859

Rev. A. Gleason
Seneca

Dear Brother

I have recd your letters of July 9 & July 20, & read them with great pleasure. I am glad that you take hold of the endowment so readily & so cheerfully & so hopefully; & I rejoice too that there is any improvement in matters at Cattaraugus.

But I must put in a word as to the fields which you shall reap, for the next few weeks, in behalf of the orphan asylum. We shall close this month with a heavy debt, say $30.000; & we must do something very soon to get rid of it. What we shall attempt I cannot say; but the debt must be grappled with, in real earnest.

Now in this work, we shall be obliged to call upon our eastern cities to help us, & that in very loud & penetrating tones. What I have to say, therefore, is this. You will do well for us, at any rate, if you make your earliest efforts in other places. Can you not go on for a time as you have begun, pleading your cause with the churches in your part of the world. Can you not stir up some of the Canadians to help? A few months hence the way may be clear for an effort in the East.

It is desirable, moreover, to get as much as possible from outsiders, men who do not take any interest in the pure missionary work.

In what I have said I do not mean to shut the door against your going to Norwich; & if you can interest the people there in your project, very well. Perhaps you may [illegible] work in some of the country [illegible] prior to the meeting of the Board; but other places I think you had better leave untouched. You are [illegible] wish to put in the [illegible], such as Hartford, New Haven, or in

I hope you & Bro Wright will see that I have materials for a report. Shall speedily. Has Bro. W. written anything for the gentleman in "Scotland"? Please to ask him

Kind regards to Mrs G. & all.

Very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Missionary House, Boston.
July 21. 1859.

To the Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brethren,

Your favor of Dec 24 would have received an earlier answer, but for the desire of the Com^ee to give it their most careful attention. Seldom have they felt more deeply their need of that "wisdom which cometh from above," than during the deliberations which this letter has occasioned. It is their prayer and their hope, that the divine approval will rest upon the result to which they have been brought.

The suggestion which was submitted to your consideration, in regard to the discontinuance of the efforts of the Board among the Choctaws, you have referred back to the Com^ee "to be disposed of as they shall deem best." In doing this, however, you have made the following statement. "Our position & course, in respect to Slavery, are described in our letter from Lenox, dated Feb. 6, 1851. These, so far as they are known to our people, meet with their cordial approbation. We are, therefore going forward without disturbance in our appropriate work as missionaries. Had this extract been received in Sept. last, it might have given a different direction to our correspondence.

It is proper that we should review, in the fewest possible words, the history of a question which has received so much attention within the last few years. You remark that your policy had "the full approbation of the Secretaries and the Prudential Committee for more than five & twenty years, and was finally approved with perfect unanimity by the Board at Brooklyn." For much of the time since the meeting at Brooklyn, we have supposed that there was no material difference between your mission and ourselves. In the year 1845, indeed, there seemed to be some divergency; but in the following year you declared your assent to the letter of the Cherokee mission, dated March 21, 1845, "as expressing in a clear & condensed manner your main views & principles," and verbal statements, subsequently made by some of your number, gave the Committee very great satisfaction. Whatever doubts may have arisen in 1854, they were effectually removed by the report which Mr. Wood presented to the Committee in June 1855. The statement of principles which received your assent at Goodwater, fully confirmed our previous impressions. When, therefore, we received from four of your number the letter of Nov. 13, 1855, asking that their connection with the Board might be dissolved, we were slow to believe that there was any substantial disagreement, & immediately requested them to take the subject into consideration a second time. We could harmonize the facts, which had come to our knowledge, only by supposing that these brethren had written under very serious misapprehensions. Hence, too, the Committee did not regard the letter of Sep. 6, 1856, signed by six of your number, as final. The view which they entertained of the case, was embodied in their minute of Dec. 8, 1857, in which they affirmed their belief that the sentiments of the brethren who signed the Goodwater document, were in substantial accordance with those of the Committee, & that their difficulties were the result of misapprehensions, which could not be easily removed without a personal conference justified in

In looking back from their present position, the Committee are constrained to admit that their action, after receiving the letter of Sept. 6, 1856, was of doubtful expediency. The brethren who signed it, declined to withdraw their "letter of resignation", and, at the same time, embodied their main difficulties in the following propositions, viz. "1. The objections which we have had to endorsing the letter of June 22, 1848, still remain. Nor can we acquiesce in the suggestions & arguments of that letter, or declare our readiness to act in accordance with them. 2. We were much grieved by the action of the Board at Hartford; & we still deeply regret it. 3. The construction put upon the Good-water document by the Board at Utica makes it impracticable for us to regard that as an exponent of our views."

The event has proved that an acceptance of the "resignation" just at this point, would have been the simplest and easiest solution of a problem which has occasioned so much perplexity. The friends of the Board would have felt that the Committee were justified in taking this step; indeed, it would have been generally supposed that no other course could have been ~~generally~~ safely pursued. It would have been better for your work also, so far as the Committee can judge, if they had assented to the proposal at once. Still, in view of all the circumstances, the appropriations for 1857 were made as usual. With the previous history of the question distinctly in mind, the Comm. might reasonably hope that your position, sooner or later, would materially change; and they were then, as they always have been, extremely reluctant to entertain the idea of closing their labors among the Choctaws.

In 1849, as we have already remarked, your mission accepted the letter of the Cherokee brethren, dated March 21, 1848, "as expressing in a clear and condensed manner" its "main views and principles." In 1855, the members of that mission accepted the declaration of principles, which received your assent at Goodwater. By these they still abide. Your late communication, however, refers to the letter of Sept.

6, 1856, as defining your position; and you also say that its sentiments, so far as they are known, have the cordial approbation of your people, and, therefore, you are going forward without disturbance in your appropriate work. A recent letter from the Superintendent & Trustees of the Choctaw Schools, in this connection, has a special significance. It requests the Committee to "authorize some person to meet" them & "make a final separation from the American Board". "We have no apology to make", it continues, "or argument to offer". "We only hope it might be effected in peace & friendship."

The result, therefore, to which we are obliged to come, is briefly this: 1. The position which the Board, with the Comtee, on the one hand, and you, with the Cherokee mission, on the other, occupied at the annual meeting in 1855, six of your number, after the maturest reflection, and with entire conscientiousness, we doubt not, have relinquished. In doing this, they dissent from the opinions, not only of the Board & the

Committee, but, as we believe, of the great majority of our constituents. We are thus taken back to the circumstances in which we found ourselves in October, 1856, when these brethren declined to withdraw their resignation, with this difference, however, that no additional delay can be expected to issue in a favorable change. The letter of Nov. 13, 1855, had said, "We are fully convinced that we cannot go with the Committee & the Board as to the manner in which, as ministers of the gospel and missionaries, we are to deal with slavery;" and it had also said, "We have no wish to give the Comee and the Board farther trouble on the subject, and as there is no prospect that our views can be brought to harmonize, we must request that our relation to the A. B. C. F. M. may be dissolved in a way that will do the least harm to the Board and our mission." The Comee find themselves compelled at length to act in substantial accordance with the desire which was then expressed. It has been our cherished & earnest hope, as the long delay will have shown, to escape the necessity of the result. Now, however, we are persuaded that the greatest efficiency of the Board, as also the highest success of your efforts, require that a connection which awakens so many pleasant reminiscences, should in its present form come to a close. A wide spread dissatisfaction has arisen among the churches, which, as the case now stands, is almost certain to increase. Aside from the injury that will accrue to the spiritual interests of our constituency from a prolonged agitation, the income of the Board must inevitably suffer; while the claims of nearly all the great missionary fields are so urgent, that any diminution of our receipts would prove a serious calamity. On the other hand, continued discussion can hardly fail, as it seems to the Committee, to embarrass your labors.

We do not forget what you say in regard to the peace & quiet which have prevailed among your people for the last two years. The fact is easily explained. The Board has been free from agitation during this period, & so you have felt no disturbing force. But if your relation to the Board continues on its present footing, neither you nor we can rely on this exemption hereafter. The letter from the Superintendent & Trustees of the Choctaw schools, already referred to, shows us what we have reason to expect.

The inquiry may possibly occur to you, "Why did the Committee send us the letter of Oct. 1838?" The answer is to be found in the peculiarities of the case. They said in that letter, you will remember, that they did not raise any ~~opinions~~ questions as to the agreement of your opinions with those of the Board. They could not assume that you accepted the Goodwater statement; nor, on the other hand, could they assume your final rejection of it. Hence they pursued a line of argument, suggested by the action of the Board at Detroit, which rendered any discussion of this topic unnecessary.

All that was said in that letter to express our sorrow in view of the contemplated change, and our affection for your mission your people, we would repeat with additional emphasis. The thought that this letter brings your mission to a close, is exceedingly painful! There is no other course, however, which we can properly pursue. It is the recorded judgment of the Board that it should be relieved, as early as possible, from the difficulties which have grown out of its operations in the Indian Territories. In this opinion, for the reasons already set forth, the Comee are obliged to concur.

It only remains that I apprise you of the formal action of the Comee, on the 26th of July; which is as follows:

Resolved. 1. That in view of embarrassment connected with the missionary work among the Choctaws, which affect injuriously, as well the labors of the brethren in that field, as the relations sustained by the Board to its friends & patrons, it is incumbent on the Prudl Comee to discontinue the Choctaw mission; and the same is hereby discontinued.

Resolved. 2. That the members of this mission be informed that the preceding resolution does not at once terminate their *personal* relations to the Board; that they are, nevertheless, at liberty to make such arrangements for the future as they shall severally judge proper; and that the Comee fully recognize their claim to such pecuniary aid, whenever they shall retire from their connection with the Board, as, in accordance with its rules and usages, it is able to afford.

I am also authorized to say (1) that the Committee propose to give you as a retiring allowance, in whole or in part, the property now in your possession & occupancy, (except so much as may be in the boarding schools;) & 2 that they regard Messrs. Kingsbury & Byington, in consideration of their advanced age and long continued service, as having special claims upon the Board, and, therefore, unless they shall elect to become united with some other missionary organization, these brethren will be at liberty to look to the Board for such annual assistance as shall be needed for their comfort and support; during the residue of their lives.

I remain, Dear Brethren, very respectfully and affectionately yours, in behalf of the Prudential Committee.

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A. B. C. F. M.

Mission House, Boston
[illegible] 27, 1858

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Dear Brother

[illegible] the letter to your mission, which you have [illegible] is so [illegible] that I [illegible] to describe, that I [illegible] any [illegible] to the communication. They [illegible] with [illegible] esteem & love, I [illegible] to hold no official relation [illegible] but the strongest reasons would [illegible] such a measure.

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Kindest regards to all [illegible]

[illegible] fraternally yours,

S. B. Treat

P.S. Your [illegible]
& June [illegible] received.

Mission House, Boston
July 29. 1859

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaw Nation.

Dear Brother

I send herewith the letter to your mission, which you have been so long expecting. It is with feelings which I will not attempt to describe, that I have put my name to this communication. Our connection with your mission is discontinued! With brethren whom I greatly esteem & love, I am henceforth to hold no official relation! My heart is sad. Nothing but the strongest reasons would reconcile me to such a measure.

I shall address another letter to you, & the senior members of the mission, in the course of two or three days, for the purpose of explaining some points more fully. You will wish to know what your position is, & what paths are before you. I shall endeavor to throw some light upon these questions.

Kindest regards to all.

Yours most fraternally,
S. B. Treat

P.S. Your favors of May 20 & June 10 are received.

Miss. House, Boston
July 28 1859

Rev Messrs Kingsbury,
& Byington,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brethren

You will learn from the close of my letter to the mission (July 27) that the Comm^ee^ regard you, in consideration of your advanced age & long continued services, as having special claims upon the Board; & therefore, unless you shall elect to become connected with some other missionary organization, you will be at liberty to look to the Board for such annual assistance as shall be needful for your comfort & support during the residue of your lives. The making of this provision for you, we believe to be an act of simple justice. You have spent (together) four score years among the Indians, — one 42 years, & the other 38. — & you have reached an age which few missionaries are permitted to reach. In these circumstances, we cannot do less than offer to become responsible for your support during the remainder of your days.

Should you decide to retire from the Choctaw nation, as you have a perfect right to do, the obligation to sustain you would be undoubted. On the other hand, should you prefer to die among your own people, we do not wish you to feel under the necessity of applying to another society for your maintenance. Whatever it may be proper for any missionary organization to do, we choose to do.

That you may understand the principles of the Board, applicable to all cases of assistance afforded to missionaries who have ceased to labor under its direction, I will say that what they receive is regarded as supplemental. The Com^{ee}, in other words, hold themselves responsible to make good all deficiencies. Hence a brother who has a sufficient income from other sources, is not expected to apply to us for aid. If he has a partial support, we pay the balance. This rule, I suppose, has the approval both of the missionaries & the churches.

You will see, therefore, just what we proffer in your behalf. Whether you stay among the Choctaws, or go elsewhere, the Com^{ee} will be responsible for your comfortable maintenance

Beyond what you may receive from other sources, they agree to supply all that shall be necessary; so that in this matter there need be no solicitude on your part.

It will give me great pleasure to hear that you accede to this plan. It has its origin in feelings that are, I assure you, eminently kind & paternal; & I cannot but hope that it will secure your concurrence.

I am, as ever, dear brethren,
your friend & fellowservant
in the Lord
S. B. Treat.

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1. The resolutions which you will have rec^d show that our efforts in the interest of the Choctaws are to cease from this time forward; but yet you are still, individually, missionaries of the Board, & will continue to be such till your connection with us is formally dissolved. Our withdrawing from a particular field has never, in any instance, severed the personal relations of the brethren who labored thereon to the society which we serve.

"2. We wish you all to make just such arrangements for the future, as, on the whole, you shall prefer. We have endeavored to put you in a position that shall enable you to pursue

Miss. House Boston
July 28, 1859

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choct. Mission.

Dear Brother.

My letter to the mission (July 27), in behalf of the Prud. Comee will be thought perhaps to need some comment. I write to you, therefore, as the senior member of the mission for the purpose of forestalling certain inquiries that will naturally arise.

1. The resolutions which you will receive show (a) that our efforts in the interest of the Choctaws are to cease from this time forward; but (b) you are still, individually, missionaries of the Board, & will continue to be such till your connection with us is formally dissolved. Our withdrawing from a particular field has never, in any instance, severed the personal relations of the brethren who labored therein to the society which we serve.

2. We wish you all to make just such arrangements for the future, as, on the whole, you shall prefer. We have endeavored to put you in a position that shall enable you to pursue

any course that may seem desirable. In any event, however, the property of the Board in your possession (except so much as may be in the boarding schools) is to be considered yours.

Different paths are clearly open to you. (1) You can retire from the missionary work, if you choose, & receive an honorable discharge. (2) You can join some other mission of the Board, should this course seem advisable to you & to the Com^ee. (3) You can still labor at your present station, in the expectation of receiving your support from a new quarter.

In the event of your deciding to remain among the Choctaws, you can either (1) become connected with the Presbyterian Board; or (2) you can try the experiment which has been so successfully made in some missionary fields, & endeavor to gain your support from your people. If you take the former alternative, your position will be definite & simple, &, I have no doubt, satisfactory. If you take the latter, the question will arise, "Whence are you to obtain an adequate livelihood?"

[illegible] Mr. Byington & yourself are fully provided for. You are put upon the footing of missionaries who have returned from the foreign fields with no expectation of resuming their labors. In regard to the other brethren, I beg leave to suggest the plan of *self-support*. In the case of Dr. Hobbs, this may be difficult; perhaps I might go beyond this instance. But it does seem to me that *some* of you may safely try the experiment. Without going to each of the stations, let me refer to Good Land, where we find a church with 205 members, which has contributed for different objects, as I am *informed*, $700 in a single year. Why may not such a people boldly charge themselves at once with the support of their pastor?

I need not say that the Choctaws have great advantages for such an undertaking. Their land costs them nothing. In their climate, with inexpensive habits, food & raiment are easily obtained. Indeed, a legitimate & effective stimulus to industry is a chief want in all Indian missions. Could the Choctaws be induced to enter, with zeal & determination, upon the plan of sustaining their own institutions, a new era of progress & hope, I am quite sure, would be speedily inaugurated. The history of Christianity in other parts of the world proves it.

In case your brethren or any of them should be inclined to pursue the course which I have now indicated, the question may arise, "Will the Board do any thing for us, beyond surrendering the property at our respective stations?" I reply that the Comᵉ, in accordance with principles already established, would, I doubt not, willingly make a pecuniary grant. Should you leave the Choctaw country, they will offer to vote you a returning allowance. Such an allowance they will also vote, if you try the plan of self-support.

If you ask what shall become of the schools, & our native brethren, who are laboring with you, I answer, the Choctaws can easily sustain the former by the income from their funded property; & the latter will doubtless receive aid from the Presbyterian Board, upon application thereto, as your churches are in connection with the ecclesiastical body for which it acts.

You will see that we have made no disposition of the property in the boarding schools. I hope you & the other brethren will say, in all frankness, just what we ought to do with it.

I remain, dear brother,
Very affectionately yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 30. 1859

Rev. S. L. Hobbs.—
Hachubbee Choct. N.

Dear Brother

Your letter of July 14 I have recd & read with interest, as is the case with all your letters. I rejoice that God is so gracious to you & your people. May he bless you all, a hundred fold!

The Comee have at length voted to dis=continue the Choctaw mission; i.e. we do not go forward any longer with our work in that field. Your personal connection with us is not dissolved; that is to be disposed of hereafter. We give to each of you the property in his possession. This is yours in any event. We offer to become responsible for the comfortable support of Mess Kingsbury & Byington; & if the rest, or any of them, will try the plan of self support, we will make a pecuniary grant in lieu of a salary allowance. At the same time you are free to take any other course that shall seem preferable. If it is best for you to go to the Presby. Board you have a perfect right to do so.

I have thought much of this, & if I could have had my own ideas perfectly carried out, I should have left you in a position, that would have enabled you to go on taking out [illegible], as you might have preferred. But the Court thought that it was best to dispose of the matter by one act, & put all upon the same footing.

If the measure shall [illegible] to [illegible] to the [illegible], I suppose you will go into the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], with [illegible] to the [illegible] for you. If none should be [illegible], you might be a little embarrassed. But the Court will [illegible] the [illegible] of this plan. The [illegible] of a [illegible] [illegible] will be [illegible]. You may be [illegible], of our sympathy & sentiment regarding [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] you.

Kindest regards to all the family,

Very faithfully,

Yours,

S. H. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 30 1859

Rev C. C. Copeland
Choctaws.

Dear Brother

Your letter of July 9 containing the report for the past year, has just arrived. I thank you for it, & rejoice that God has enabled you to speak so favorably of his work among the Choctaws.

To me personally it is matter of deep regret that I am now receiving the last reports of my brethren in your field. The Comtee voted at their last meeting to discontinue the mission. We have considered the subject long & anxiously; but we found ourselves shut up to this course. I will not go into the reasons, as they have been sent already in a letter to the mission, which you will see in due time.

If you ask what provision, if any, we make for you, I answer (1) we give you the property in your possession, to be yours individually (2) we place Messrs Kingsbury & Byington upon the footing of missionaries who have returned from

foreign field, but do not expect to resume their labors.
But we suggest the plan of self-support for the
present year; in case you shall agree to it,
we will make an allowance, as it were, a
retiring grant. The deposits, we suppose, the
Choctaws will be abundantly able to support.
Perhaps some of the remaining brethren will apply
to the Presbyt. Board, if the plan is carried
out.

They may prefer to go to the Presby. Board;
& if this shall seem best, we have nothing to
say. We wish you to take that course which
may appear to be expedient. Could the plan
of self support be tried, we should be glad to
have it done. Of this you must judge, however.

The feelings of the Comm^ee^ are as kind &
fraternal as you can desire. They part from
you & the Choctaw ch^s^ with deep sorrow. They
do it, only because they believe it to be the divine
purpose.

I have sent letters to Mr Kingsbury which will
explain this matter more fully, in the general &
in the details.

Kind regards to Mrs C. & Miss Semple

Yours very fraternally S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 1. '59 —

Rev. E. Hotchkin
Choct. Mission. —

Dear Brother.

I would give much for a fireside talk with you, for a buggy chat, such as we had in 1853 while going from Pittsfield to Lenox, tho' it were but for a brief hour. I should be very glad to discuss this slavery question, which has occasioned so much trouble, & show you just how we feel, & where the shoe pinches, &c. Especially I would fain speak of the business aspects of the letter, which I have just sent to the mission. But I cannot talk with you, & so I must write.

You will soon learn, officially, that the Com^ee have voted to discontinue their efforts in behalf of the Choctaws. The relation of the missionaries to the Board is hence forward a personal relation, as in other cases where we have given up our work in a particular field. What have they to do? 1st They can retire from the relation, as some others have done in analogous instances.

(2) They can apply to the Presby. Board, & go into a new missionary relation. (3) They can try the plan of self support.

In all these cases the Com^ee give you the property in your possession, whichever course you shall take. That is fixed. Whether they will do more, depends upon what you may do. Those who retire, will be treated like other missionaries who retire, & will receive a suitable allowance, according to circumstances. Those who go to the Presby. Board, I presume, will expect nothing beyond the property. Those who try the plan of self-support, may receive additional aid, if desired & desirable, in lieu of a retiring allowance.

I state the case thus fully, (besides what I have written to the mission,) because I suppose that you may feel a special interest in the matter. From what I have heard, I think it probable that you will be inclined to try self support. If you do, you will understand, from what I have written, how far the Com^ee are ready to go.

I hope some at least of the other brethren will make the experiment; but of this, of course, I cannot be certain. You will so that the Comee propose a special measure in behalf of Messrs K. & B. The matter of extending it further was considered; but, on the whole, it did not seem wise to do so. In your case, I supposed there would be no difficulty; as you can so easily (if I am rightly informed, try self support.

I hope you will write to me in all frankness on this subject; for we are very desirous of doing what is best. We regret, profoundly, to close the mission; but we think there is no other expedient course. You may all be sure of my strong attachment; & I shall not cease to desire your peace & prosperity.

Kindest regards to Mrs B.

Very affectionately yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 1. 59

Rev C. Byington
Choct. Mission.

Dear Brother

I have not rec.d your report as yet: but I am looking for it daily. It is painful for me to think that it is the last which I shall receive.

I have sent to Bro Kingsbury (1) a letter for the mission, in behalf of the Com.ee — (2) a letter to him & yourself, explaining the special provision which they (the Committee made for you, (3) a letter to him, which he will read to the mission, explaining certain matters more fully than was expedient in the letter to the mission.

The substance of all may be stated as follows (1) we discontinue our efforts among the Choctaws, leaving you to take such a course as you may think best; 2. We give the property of the Board to the missionaries, respectively, which they have in possession, save that in the Boarding schools. 3. We offer to support you & Mr K. henceforth, as if you had returned from the foreign field, without expecting to resume your labors, whether you leave the Choctaw nation or not. 4. If the brethren, or any of them, will try the plan of self support, we will do still more, than give the property.

I do not know what course you & the rest will take. It occurs to me to add, however, that if you should wish to try self support, or Mr K. & should choose to have a pro rata allowance, as we offer to the others, the Comee would doubtless grant it. That is, you can either take the offer which we make to all, or the one which we make to you & Mr K. Affect. regards to Mrs B.

Very fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Aug. 1. '59

Rev. J. Edwards
Choctaw Nation

Dear Brother

Your letter of June 9 I have duly rec^d — your report, however, has not come to hand. I expect it daily.

The Com^ee have acted in the matter of your mission, as affected by the slavery question; & I have written a letter to the mission, which Mr Kingsbury will lay before you. I have also addressed a letter to him personally, which he will submit to you, explaining certain matters. We discontinue our efforts among the Choctaws, & make sundry offers & suggestions in regard to your future course. Cannot the Wheelock ch & congregation sustain its pastor, under the offer which we make? You will see that property in your possession (not the boarding school property) is to be yours; & we will make an additional allowance, to encourage the plan of self-support, if it is adopted.

But I will not say more, as you will understand the matter more fully after hearing the letters concerning Kingsbury's possession.

As ever, fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston

Aug. 1. 185[illegible]

Rev. O. P. Stark

Choctaws.

[illegible] You will soon know (if you have not already learned) of the action of the Com. in respect to your mission. [illegible] since I have been at the Miss. House. We hope & pray that the Great Head of the Church will put the seal of his approval upon what has been done.

When you see the letter which I have sent to Mr. Kingsbury, you will find that the question of self-support is submitted to you, as one who shared the Com. & feel a special interest in it. I should be very glad to hear that the idea was favorably entertained, & that it was to receive a practical test. This is a point which we are anxious to reach in all our fields, as soon as possible. We aim at it for two reasons, (1) because it is for the benefit of the people who receive the gospel, that they

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 1. 1859

Rev. O. P. Stark
Choctaws.

Dear Brother

You will soon know (if you have not already learned,) the action of the Com^ee in respect to your mission &c. No other subject has rec^d so much thought & consideration, since I have been at the Miss. House. We hope & pray that the Great Head of the Church will put the seal of his approval upon what has been done.

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Now it has seemed to me that you were in a good position to make this experiment. Would not the effort which your people must needs make to sustain you, do them great good? I confess I can hardly doubt it.

Should you choose to take this course you will find the Com^{d} ready to assist you. And even if the plan should fail in the end, you would suffer no loss, I presume.

Kindest regards to Mrs S.

Very sincerely & fraternally
yours

S. B. Treat

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Still I have learned some lessons, which ought to be valuable, in this singular history. I would almost hope to be made better by them; but the past has taught me self-distrust in this line of things. If sharp experiences had always done their full work, I should be [illegible] good.

Miss. House, Boston
August 1. 1859

Rev C. Kingsbury
Choctaws.—

Dear Brother,

Your annual report I have rec'd & I thank you for it. I am made sad by the reflection that it is the last communication of the kind which I shall receive from you.

I am somewhat in a "maze," as to the "why & the wherefore" of my connection with your mission. It was not at all of my seeking: and this slavery question especially in such relations, is not by any means to my taste. Often would I have made any reasonable sacrifice to be rid of it. Some men love the excitement of such a matter: it is not so with me. What others would have rejoiced in, has been to me a heavy burden.

Still I have learned some lessons, which ought to be valuable, in this singular history. I would almost hope to be made better by them; but the past has taught me selfdistrust in this line of things. If sharp experiences had always done their full work, I should be very good.

I have not said any thing as to the disposition of the moneys which you will receive from the hymn books,, for which we have paid I shall be glad to receive any suggestions from you & the brethren in this regard.

As to what you shall do at your Sept. meeting, perhaps I ought to say a word. It is proper that you take time, as much as you need, for looking about you. Of course the Comee do not drop you at once, withholding all further pecuniary aid. They will continue your support, till you shall have had an opportunity to consider the matter as fully as you desire. If you should decide to make application to the Presb. Board, I suppose you will not wish to make any changes in arrangements till you obtain their response. If so, the Comee will be perfectly willing to wait. I trust that the closing up of this unpleasant business will be such as to reflect honor on our common faith. The Comee have aimed to do that which the Master will approve, wishing all our doings to come to the end — secure his benediction.

Yrs. ever, most fraternally, &c.

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 5. 1859.

Mr J. C. Chamberlain
Choct. Mission

Dear Brother

Your favor of July 18 has been just rec^d. I have also had a note from Mr. Kingsbury, with a copy of the letter of two trustees. It seems that there is a change in the wishes of these gentlemen; *why*, I am not permitted to know. It may have come from an *outside* pressure; or it may arise from the feeling that *we* had *better* have *all* the odium of abandoning our work among the Choctaws.

We have decided to discontinue our efforts among the Choctaws. We made certain suggestions & proposals in regard to the *ordained* brethren; in regard to the schools we have said nothing, supposing that they were surrendered to the trustees, when the Prud. Com. took action. Both you & Mr Libby will be at liberty, therefore, to pursue such a course as may seem best. You can ~~return~~ retire, of course, if you choose to do so; or you can continue at your post, under such an arrangement as you may [illegible] the Trustees will request nothing [illegible], for [illegible]. If the Rev. Board [illegible] mission, I have no doubt that your stay at [illegible] will be agreeable to its officers.

Last week I sent [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] connected with the schools, be [illegible] have rendered [illegible] in accordance with this request. Now, however, [illegible] that the schools are not [illegible].

Still, the letters have gone, & we cannot recall them. We have made certain [illegible] ordained brethren. In regard to the boarding schools we have made no proposals. You will be at liberty to retire from the Choctaw nation, if you wish, or you can go on, after making some new arrangement. I presume the mission will desire you to remain where you are, & perform the service which you are now rendering; the Trustees, I suppose, will have the same wish.

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 5, '59

Mr Saml. G. Libby
Choct. Mission

Dear Brother.

Last week I sent a letter to your mission, announcing the action of the Prud. Comm. to the effect that the labors of the Board will be discontinued among the Choctaws. We have said nothing about the lay brethren connected with the schools, because we supposed that these were surrendered to the trustees, in accordance with their request. Now, however, I learn that the schools are not surrendered.

Still, the letters have gone; & we cannot recall them. We have made certain offers to the ordained brethren. In regard to the boarding schools we have made no proposals. You will be at liberty to retire from the Choctaw nation, if you wish, or you can go on, after making some new arrangement. I presume the mission will desire you to remain where you are, & perform the service which you are now rendering; the Trustees, I suppose, will have the same wish.

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I shall be glad to hear what your plans are, as soon as they shall have become settled. If any thing shall occur that you think will be of interest to me, I will thank you to inform me of it.

With kindest regards to Mrs L. & all with you.

I am very truly yours

L S Reid

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 16. 59

Rev J. Potter
Allegheny.

Dear Brother

I have just rec'd yours of Sept. 7, with the minutes of your meeting. Mr A. H. Pierce's name should be mentioned in the annual report; but I do not know what A. stands for. Please to give me his full name, also the Christian name of his wife.

We have discontinued the Choctaw mission, & shall report the fact to the meeting of the Board at Philadelphia. The correspondence for the last year will be communicated; you will see it immediately afterwards.

Kind regards to all

Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 14. 59

Rev. W. Willey.
Neenah. Wis.

Dear Brother

I have rec- your letter of Sept 6. I am sorry that Mrs. W. does not find herself more vigorous; I trust, however, that God will be pleased to give her additional strength in his own good time, granting therewith "soul prosperity" in large measure. We are often made weak in the body that "the inner man" may have a more abundant supply of health. Please to assure her of my sympathy & my earnest desire that the Lord will appear for her in great mercy.

You ask me whether Mrs. W. had better visit her mother this autumn. I am really unable to answer the question. In the case I am not suffaccurately acquainted with the facts. It ought to have a bearing on two elements. 1. How will the health of Mrs W. be affected? 2. If there will be any gain in this direction, will it be such as to justify the expense?

In regard to the first item, there is chiefly to be considered, not only the fatigue of the journey, which, for a feeble woman with children, is considerable, as I have good reason to know; but also the effect of the visit, with all its attendant circumstances & accommodations. In fact at this point we have had some painful experience. Missionary ladies have gone to build up their frames, in some cases [illegible] the best health, & then they failed, because they were not in the best situation for improvement & study these things. Of course, without any knowledge of what are Mrs W's circumstances troubles, I suggest the idea for her consideration; she will know what use to make of it.

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 14. 1869

Rev. L. H. Wheeler

Objection as to the matter of expense, this ought not to be a controlling element in the case; but it may properly come into the calculation. We have a good deal of reason to look at this item; for the churches are sensitive on this point. Any amount of travel that is necessary, we cheerfully allow the missionaries; beyond this point we do not like to go, for there are eyes that are watching us everywhere.

This thought occurs to me. Is it not possible for you to get a place to preach at the West, during the winter, as you do not expect to return to [illegible] at once, & so accomplish a twofold purpose, i.e. do something for the Master, & relieve the treasury a little. We are troubled about our finances. We have a very hard year before us, & we shall be obliged to ask our missionaries to help us as much as possible.

Very sincerely yr
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 14. 1869

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Odanah. Wis.

Dear Brother

Since Mr Clark's return from Odanah, he has written me under date of Aug. 25; so that I have a tolerable idea of the state of things.

1. I rejoice exceedingly that there is so good a prospect of your recovery. The Lord grant that our wishes in this regard may be fulfilled! One thing is clear. If he has any further work for you to do, he will enable you to do it; if he has none, he will take you to the Christian's home, & permit you to look upon the face of our risen Lord. In either event, we are sure that all will be well. God makes no mistakes.

I trust, dear brother, that you will maintain a calm & cheerful spirit, knowing that the Saviour, our Elder brother, loves your family, his work, etc. far better than you can. The clouds are resting about you, just now; but the sun shines bright & warm, though you do not see it. You will see it in God's own time.

2. I think, as matters now are, it is not best to make any change in our arrangement for Odanah just at present. I hope you will pursue that course which is best for your health, & let Henry do what he can in the way of preaching & visiting &c. We should gain but little by sending a temporary supply. We must commit the matter to the Lord, & he will watch over his own cause.

3. If it is needful to construct an embankment to protect the farm, before the fall rains, it may be done. I hope, however, that you will receive enough for stock to pay for the job & also the alteration of your house, if what Mr C. has informed me.

4. I shall be glad to have Mr. Wheeler write to me in regard to the boarding school. I take a deep interest in this experiment & I pray the Lord to give it prosperity.

I would write more at length; but I am very much driven. Have not got any names ready for our annual meeting. Kindest regards to Mrs. W. & all.

Fraternally yrs S. B. Treat.

S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Sept. 17. '59

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Pine Ridge:

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 31st ult. I have just rec^d. Without waiting to consult the Com^ee I will give you my own impressions in regard to the payment of the brethren.

We have no thought of trying any "sharp practice" upon you. We shall give you, I doubt not, all the time which you will need to make your arrangements. Of course, the continuance of our payments will depend very much upon what is done at your "end of the line." You may have made application already to the Presb^n Board to take you under its care. In that event, we shall support the native brethren up to the time of the transfer, supposing it to be effected within a reasonable time. If this course is not taken, we will see what ought to be done, when we know the facts. You can rely, however, upon the liberal disposition of the Com^ee—

Very fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 17. '59

Rev. J. Edwards
Philadelphia, Pa

Dear Brother

Yours of the 14th - I have just rec'd - I have but a moment for a reply, & so must be very brief.

You are at liberty to draw for a sum additional to the $200, if it shall be necessary.

Present my kind regards to Mrs E. I hoped to see her in Philad. supposing that she would probably seek an interview, though brief, in Mr Barnes' ch.; but I heard nothing of her. I was too busy to find her elsewhere.

As ever, fraternally
Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 26. '59

Rev. C. C. Torrey,
Cher. Mission.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 7th Sham recd. & yesterday I read it to the Comee. They instruct me to say that you had better remain at Park Hill for the present. The question of the continuance of the mission is not finally disposed of; & till it is, we think that you may as well continue the work of your mission.

In any event, we do not suppose that this form of labor will be suspended. The plan which you have mentioned, in this regard, will be carried out, I presume.

Kindest regards to Mrs T. Mr. W. Miss R. &c

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 29. '59

Rev. C. Byington,
Choctaws. —

Dear Brother

Your letter of Sept. 21 has come & I am quite sorry that I cannot write a long epistle at the present time. But the Comtee have given me a great work to do in the matter of raising funds; I am mainly occupied therewith. I am at home but little. We have a large sum to raise for our expenses the coming year.

You will have heard of the meeting at Phila. We supposed that the delay of a year, in settling the question of your connection with the Board, would not be agreeable to you, any more than it would be profitable for us. So far as I know, all admitted that the separation must come; that being the case, protracted agitation could do no good, as we thought.

Could we have gone on together, for the advantage of both, I should have never been willing to part from you. But that has become impossible; hence we must and not to do your appropriate work in altered circumstances. And be assured, my dear brother, my attachment to the Choctaw people, & my feelings for their prosperity are undiminished. I still [illegible] for your speedy return to your field here. [illegible] than that you will [illegible], [illegible] particularly by the change. I think, moreover, that if the [illegible] continues, the advantage will be a more [illegible] in coming years.

In the regard to your support, you have to do as you have done, till you shall or have made such arrangements as are most agreeable to you. We expect to support all the brethren, while they are waiting for the first adjustment. Then, if another missionary body shall take you all, I suppose our responsibility will cease. If any shall try the self-supporting plan, we shall be ready to cooperate liberally. Mr Kingsbury & yourself can avail yourselves of the kind offer of the Com^e which, I assure you, is made with the best feelings on the part of all.

You will please to draw from the Treasury, therefore, what you need, as aforetime, having no scruple whatever as to your ~~claim~~ right or our willingness in the premises.

Please to give my kindest regards to Mrs. P. and be assured, my dear brother, that I shall always be glad to hear from you, & especially to know that the joy of the Lord is your strength. We are not far from our final home. There we shall understand all the mysteries of Providence, & praise the Master, not only for permitting us to work in his vineyard, but for the trials which he sends upon us.

I am, as ever, most
affectionately & most
fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Rev. A. B. Pierce
Allegheny

Dear Brother

[illegible]

I did not intend to reflect upon any one, in respect to Mr Pierce's salary. I have no doubt that there has been an honest endeavor to do right.

I am obliged to be brief, as I have a heavy amount of work on my hands. I am more [illegible] an Indian Secretary than a [illegible] Secretary.

Kind regards to Mrs. Pierce
Fraternally
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 29. '59

Rev. A. H. Pierce,
Alleghany

Dear Brother

Your letters of Sept. 9. & Oct. 3 I have rec'd. The former I read with much interest, as I do all that pertains to Cornplanters Reservation. In regard to the school, I think the Com^ee would support one, if the mission were clear that it was best. We have no money to spend, just now, on doubtful experiments. Possibly you may have discussed this matter with your brethren.

I did not intend to reflect upon any one, in respect to Jas. Pierces salary. I have no doubt that there has been an honest endeavor to do right.

I am obliged to be brief, as I have a heavy amount of work on my hands. I am much less an Indian Secretary than a begging Secretary.

Kind regards to Mrs. Pierce

as fraternally

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 27. 1857

Rev. O. P. Stark
Choctaws.

Dear Brother

Your report, July 26. & letter of Aug. 26, I have duly recd. The latter I should have answered sooner, but for want of time. Before the An. Meeting, I was busy in getting ready for it; since, I have spent most of the time away from home. And even now I cannot write at much length, as I am soon to leave for certain meetings to be held in C— [illegible]

In regard to the main topic of your last letter, I have to say, in the general, that you need have no special solicitude, as it seems to me, as to the arrangement of your finances. The Com.ee have no disposition to deal with any of yours in a "niggardly" way. They will endeavor to do all that can properly be asked of them; and I do not think that there will be the least complaint in this particular. I think that the best [illegible] what they will do in your case will depend upon your plans for the future.

1. Should you conclude to keep the self-sup-

portion at home, then they will make you a liberal grant, in lieu of a salary allowance.

2. Should you choose rather to relinquish the field finally, they will make you a salary allowance as in other cases.

3. Should you elect to go with the [illegible] or some other organization, they will free you from your engagement, I doubt not; so that no [illegible] shall [illegible] [illegible] person of any [illegible] in their past appointing, as gift.

I suppose that I have met the case as it lies in your mind, by what I have now written. But you may say, I wish to leave temporarily, for six months or a year, then return to the Choctaw Nation. This would present a different question from any which I have considered above. But much, I apprehend, would turn upon the ultimate purpose. If you propose to try "self-support," that would give the matter one phase; if you expect to connect yourself with another body, that would present a different phase.

On the whole, I think that the best thing to be done, is to wait & see what your own mind settles down upon. Then the Com^e will see clearly the precise points which they have to consider. As I said before, I do not anticipate. [illegible] in making your visits. Nov. 16. '59

Rev Jno [illegible] The report of the discussion which related to the Choctaw mission is imperfectly & inaccurately presented in the newspapers. Things are said to have been uttered, [illegible], & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] was allowed to a [illegible] of the question, as well on your account, as ours. [illegible] that the [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Kindest regards to Mrs. S.

Very affectionately & fraternally
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Nov. 16. '59

Rev Jno Gray
Orillia, C. W.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Nov. 1. I rec'd a few days ago. We had a similar letter last Jan'y to which I replied on the 19th of [illegible] a copy of my reply I send herewith, and it will give you a better view of the [illegible] than I can present in a few words.

I will add, that if Mr Osunkerhine should be in destitute circumstances, & no aid is furnished from other quarters, you are at liberty to advance him sums not exceeding $50 in all, & draw on our treasurer J. M. Gordon, Esq. for the same.

I am, Dear Sir,
Very respectfully
Yrs
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 17 '59

Rev. C. Eells
Forest Grove, Oregon

[illegible]

the property there, upon the terms which you mention, giving you the title [illegible] they have. We expect [illegible] as security; I presume you would not [illegible] in the present case.

I agreed to the terms of [illegible] say today that we need the money now, & shall doubtless need it for months to come; but we shall not put you to any inconvenience. You may go forward, therefore, without any fear of embarrassment from us.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Nov. 17, '59

Rev. C. Eells
Forest Grove, Oregon

Dear Brother,

I have rec'd your letters of Aug. 20 & Sept. 13, with one from Mr Walker of the last date, & one from Mr Atkinson, of Sept. 7. I am much obliged to you all for writing so fully in reference to the matters therein set forth. After consulting the Com^ee I am able to make a satisfactory reply.

1. Your acc't of expenses to Waiilatpu is approved.

2. The Com^ee are ready to sell ~~the~~ you the property there, upon the terms which you mention, giving you all the title which they have. We cannot give covenants of warranty; & I presume you would not ask it in the present case.

In regard to the time of pay't I have only to say that we need the money now, & shall doubtless need it for months to come; but we shall not put you to any inconvenience. You may go forward, therefore, without any fear of embarrassment from us.

I suppose that you will not expect a *deed* till the payment is made. You may consider this letter, however, as *contract* of *sale*, the price being understood to be $1000, & proceed on the strength of it, as if papers had been formally executed. Your position would not be more secure, if you *had* such papers, the word of the Comee being equal to any bond.

If we can realize any thing from our other claims, we shall be glad to do so. We hope, therefore, that you will keep your eyes open in this direction.

In regard to our claim for losses, I wish to inquire if there is any *suitable* person in Oregon, who would prosecute this matter at his own "charges," receiving a proportion of the sum recovered as his compensation. It would be almost impossible for *us* to urge the claim, except by some such arrangement. None of us have time for the work that would be necessary; & our Comee would be unwilling to incur much expense in the case, so long as the result should be doubtful. Besides, you in Oregon know better on what ground to place such a question than we do. All the *special* considerations that should affect the case, you understand.

Mr Atkinson has taken a good deal of interest in this matter; I doubt not that he will do any thing that he conveniently can in our behalf.

Kindest regards to Mrs E. & the other teachers.

As ever, very fraternally
yours

S. B. Treat.

I would ask if you cannot reconsider the question, & in some way arrange for a smaller allowance.

I have not heard [illegible] way ought [illegible] to [illegible] stated what was done. The fact, there should have been a mission letter, explaining the grounds that we might know just what the [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 15. 1879

Rev. J. L. Potter
Teheran

Dear Brother, Your letter & accompanying documents came to the Miss. House in my absence. From some things which I have heard, I supposed that you might leave us at no distant day; but I did not know just what your plans were. In regard to the memorial, I will say nothing, not knowing what view the rest take of the case, in all its aspects.

As to the allowance, I am sorry to say that it strikes Mr Gordon & myself as rather large. I don't doubt your statement of facts in the matter; but our treasury is not in a condition to bear any large claims upon it. We are sorely tried by the state of our finances. The five years of 1400, in such circumstances, will seem to the Comee, I fear, almost impossible.

We have never given so large a sum, I believe, to any retiring missionary. Now

I would ask if you cannot reconsider this question, or in some way arrange for a smaller allowance.

I have not heard before of this question. We ought urgently to have some official statement of what was done. In fact, there should have been a missive letter, explaining the grounds of its action, that we might know just what the brethren think.

Two questions arise. (1) What is to be done for Allegheny? Is Mr. N. H. Pierce to be the sole laborer, (except native preachers)? (2) What is to be done with the place which you occupy? What is it worth? Can it be disposed of, so as to furnish funds for paying you? Can you take it, on any plan, as salary in advance?

If any thing of this sort should seem expedient, we should want the advice of the rest of the missionaries.

I write in great haste. Dr. Pomroy's retirement has thrown great labor upon me, so I hardly know how I am to do it.

Kind regards to all.

As ever, fraternally,

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 9. 1859

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Pine Ridge Ch. Na.

My dear Brother

Your favor of Nov. 14 I have duly rec^d - & it gives me great pleasure to make the reply which I am authorized to send.

You will easily believe that I am burdened with labor at the present time. In consequence of our heavy indebtedness, Dr. Pomeroy & myself had arranged for an while extra amount of work. But he, alas! has fallen out of his place, & the whole load comes upon me, with the additional weight of such a defection. It would have been sad to follow him to the grave; but now he leaves behind him an aggravated sorrow.

I will not go into the details of this strange history. I send herewith the Boston Recorder which has a very good account of the matter. I must hope that Dr. R is an ingenuous man; & I believe him when he says that he has not violated the 7th Commandment. But it is inconceivably strange that such a man should commit such folly.

The Comm^{ee} acted with great promptness, & are entitled to the confidence of the community as much as possible. Providence put upon me the responsibility of taking the steps ~~opening the papers~~ which led to subsequent disclosures. Alas! How little did I think what was to follow the opening of an ordinary looking paper, as I at first supposed it to be!

Dr. P. is now in Switzerland & [illegible] & his wife is in Portland. I have just read a letter from him which is kindness itself towards me.

& breathes of penitence & humility. I trust I shall yet meet him in a better world, with you. I was about to say that, from the pressure of my labors, I was not at the Com^ee meeting last Tuesday; & so I requested Mr. Anderson to read your letter, & state my earnest recommendation that your sufferers should receive the favor of the Com^ee. Mr. [illegible] informs me that they voted with the utmost cordiality, that all of their interest in the boarding house property should be yours; so that you now have, by their act, the ownership of all that Board's property at Pine Ridge. If you desire any instruments of any kind to perfect your title, we shall be happy. I am [illegible] of [illegible] with your [illegible]. You [illegible] of [illegible]. The Com^ee do not [illegible] I am, I desire, to acknowledge the disinterested & [illegible] efforts of [illegible] K. [illegible]

Miss. Hou. Boston

to relieve the Board in the line of its expenditures. We have others likeminded with you; but all are not so anxious to lighten the burden that comes upon the treasury. Your reward will be higher than any expressions of a poor mortal, like myself. No sacrifice made for Christ is in vain.

I have written this letter amid constant interruptions; but I did not intend to say a few words, in the hope of showing my strong affection for you & Mrs. K. I don't expect my Christian brethren to believe how much there is in my heart of Christian love & tender regard; still I would have made the attempt, in your case at least, as you are the *Patriarch*. I am obliged, however, to close abruptly; perhaps you will say it is well. But though you are fatherly, I am, as ever, *most fraternally*. Yrs.

Christian love to all with you.

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 13. 59.

Rev J. Potter
Seneca.

Dear Brother

Yours of Dec. 10 I have laid before the Com^ee^ with the preceding letters; & they have voted to release you from your connection with the Board, with the understanding that you will occupy the station till May 1, & will perform as much Miss. labor as you can well perform.

In the matter of allowance, they vote you (1) such articles on the station as you may need for the immediate use of the family, & wish to remove, (2) $200 for the removal of your family to your new house (3) $700 as a returning allowance, (4) $500 specially & in consideration of the $1000 which you have expended in the service of the Board from your own funds.

The Comm^ee^ were anxious to meet your wishes; but they wished also to avoid the making of a bad precedent. We have now paid $1400 as a retiring allowance.

If you can call for a considerable part of this money after Augt 1, the close of our financial year, the Treas^r^ will be much obliged to you.

I am away from the Miss. House almost constantly, & have come here only for 3 hours to sleep. Shall have more consultations this week

Kindest regards to Mrs Bissell

As ever, in great haste

fraternally y^s^

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 26. '59

Mr. J. D. Chamberlain
Choctaw Nation

Dear Brother

Your letter of Dec. 4 I have just rec^d with copies of your notes to Mr. Kingsbury. I have time only for a few words in reply, as I go to Westboro' very soon to hold a miss. conven=tion. Such a meeting, I doubt not, you would greatly enjoy.

The words to which you refer, on p. 11 of the pamphlet, were not predicated specially upon what has occurred in connection with your school. You may have misunderstood us, where we stated that we were embarrassed by facts & considerations which could not properly be made public. You may have supposed that these "facts & con=siderations" were posterior in date to the re=ceipt of that [illegible] letters dated Dec. 24. '58. Such was not our meaning.

Kind regards to Mrs C & all with you.

Very sincerely yrs
S. B. Treat

P. S. I need not say that I deeply sympathize with you; but I must believe that God will be better to you than your fears. The above statement, I hope, will relieve you.

Mass. North Boston
Dec. 26. '59

Rev. Wm. Hall, Hubbard
London, Monroe Co. Illinois

Dear Brother

Your favor [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] expended [illegible].

In regard to the Mr. [illegible] place [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Allegheny [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] after the latter shall [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] compliance [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but we must [illegible] [illegible] expenses [illegible] much as possible; Perhaps something will occur to make your return to Allegheny pleasurable; if so [illegible] [illegible]. Kind regards to Mrs. H. & the family. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 4. '60

Rev. Anson Hubbard
Shutesbury, Ms.

Dear Sir.

Your letter to Dr. Hooker of Dec. 29 he has kindly placed in my hands, & its contents have greatly surprised me.

The schools on the Allegany Reservation are not under our care; but Mr Potter has been our missionary till quite recently. He is released from our service now, though he will not remove from his present home till Spring.

Still it is proper that we should make further inquiry into the case. I will thank you, therefore, to send me a full statement of the facts, giving me the names of those who are willing to sustain the allegations, & so far as may be what each one will testify.

I am, dear Sir, very truly yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
Jan 6. '60

Rev. J. Potter
Allegany

My Dear Friend

The Prud. Com.ee have instructed me to ask you not to draw on the Treas.r for the money which they voted to allow you, a few days since, just at the present time. I will explain hereafter.

Please to let me hear from you as soon as you return.

Very truly,
Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston.
Jan. 11, 1860

Mrs S. N. Byington,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of Nov. 9 has been rec^d & laid before the Prud. Com.^ee, & with great cheerfulness they have authorized Mr. Gordon to procure a sewing machine for you. It will be sent according to your directions.

You speak of the painful & distressing aspect has characterized the close of your connection with your mission. The end has not been such as I should have preferred; not surely, indeed, as I expected. After the resignation, at the close of 1858, I was anxious to have the mission return to the [illegible] paper, as I thought they could do; but I expected that if they did not, the resignation would be accepted.

When I was forced to go to Europe in the fall of [illegible] & left the Indian department with Dr. Pomroy, to give my views in regard to the Choctaw question. If those views had prevailed, the Com.^ee would have accepted the resignation on the receipt of the [illegible] letter, or at least waited till my return. They did neither.

S. B. Treat

When I returned, I was surprised by the action of the Comee — wh has remained in some sort a mystery till Dr. Pomroy's fall. He had lost his manhood, & so neglected the Choctaw case.

The action of the Board at Detroit was against my wishes; & I am by no means to be held responsible for it. The winding up of the business has not been, therefore, according to my preference; but I hope that good will come of it in the end.

It is with a heavy heart that I close my correspondence with the Choctaw mission. It has been my pet mission; & I have always liked the Choctaws. The missionaries are very dear to me.

But Providence is calling me perhaps to another species of labor. Dr P's fall has thrown upon me new responsibilities; henceforth I shall devote myself mainly, for a season, to the raising of funds. We have much need of work in this direction.

Please to assure your husband of my most fraternal regards. I intend to retain all the warmth of my Christian affection for him whether he returns it or not.

Very sincerely yrs
S. B. Treat

Mass. House, Boston,
Jan. 17, 1860

His Ex. Alex. Ramsey
St Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir,

I rec'd a letter from Mr. Riggs, a few days since, requesting me to communicate to you a copy of the law of Mass. affecting the citizenship of Indians. I take pleasure in complying with this request & send herewith a copy of a law passed last winter. You will see that the plan was inaugurated simply; & nothing has been completed. I think it very likely that something will be done this winter; but the result will be too late, I presume, for your purpose.

Mr Riggs inquires if Connecticut has not made its Indians citizens. I am not aware of the fact, though a son of the state. I suppose you have access to the statutes of each state; they would show what has been done.

He also refers to New York. If I am correctly informed, there is a tendency in its legislation to this result; indeed, I am quite sure that progress has been in this direction

But I believe the final step has not been taken. Should there be a wish on the part of any one to get at the precise state of things, Rev. Asher Wright, Versailles, N.Y. could give reliable information.

Wisconsin & Michigan have done something in this matter; but you will easily learn what it is from their statutes, which you doubtless have at St Paul.

With sentiments of great respect,

I am, dear Sir, very truly yours,

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

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of the Mass. law [illegible]

I send another copy [illegible]

Connecticut [illegible] of the Indians, I am confident, although I never heard of it, though [illegible] of the state.

New Hampshire [illegible] no legislation [illegible]. Should you wish to know the exact state of the case, write to Rev. Asher Wright, Versailles, N.Y. He is au fait in the matter.

Wisconsin & Michigan have done something; how much I cannot tell precisely. Kind regards to all.

Very fraternally,
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 17. '60

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakotah.

Dear Brother.

Yours of the 9th I have recd. today. I have sent a copy of the Mass. law passed last winter. I send another copy now.

Connecticut has not made citizens of its Indians, I am confident; at least I never heard of it, though a son of the state.

New York has not taken this step; but its legislature is tending that way. Should you wish to know the exact state of the case, write to Rev. Asher Wright, Versailles. N. Y. He is au fait in the matter.

Wisconsin & Michigan have done something; how much, I cannot tell precisely. Kind regards to all

Yours fraternally
S. B. Treat

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Miss C. C. Kendall,
Pine Ridge Choct. Na.

Dear Miss K.

I have yours of the 7th Dec. & I am glad to hear that your health is so good; & I rejoice that you have found so much to interest you among the Choctaws. I am deeply interested in their welfare, & hope that the Lord's work among them will advance more & more rapidly. He has done great things in past years: may he do still more in coming years.

You say nothing of "return

express." If you shall wish to receive them, as I presume you will, please to confer with Rev. K. & let him drop me a line on the subject.

I pray the Lord to be with you in all the journey of life; & may you find at last that you have completed much more for the Saviour than you now can possibly suppose.

Very truly & sincerely
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 18. 1860.

Miss P. G. Child
Pine Ridge, Choct. N.

Dear Miss Child.

Yours of the 5th Dec. I have duly rec'd. As we have closed our labors among the Choctaws, you are at perfect liberty to return from the nation at the time you mention, unless you choose to enter into a new relation. That is a question into which we have no concern.

It gives me pleasure to say that you leave the work in which you have been engaged, as also dis- your connection with us,

I am very truly yrs
S. B. Treat

having your unlimited confidence.
We believe you to have been faithful
& successful in the labors which
you assumed; and pray that God
may continue to bless you more & more
to the end of life's pilgrimage!

I do not know whether you
will expect your "returns of [illegible]"
with it. If you wish to receive
them, please to confer with Mr. Hotch-
kin, & ask him to write to me.

I am sorry to hear that you
have been so much tried by sickness
& death of late. But it is of the Lord,
& He does all for some wise
end. I pray that the surviving
children may have their thoughts
turned heavenward.

I am very truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston

Jan. 18. 1860

Rev. Messrs Kingsbury, Byington,
Hotchkin, Copeland,
Stark & Edwards.

Dear Brethren

Through the kindness of Messrs Kingsbury & Copeland I have rec^d copies of the resolutions adopted at Pine Ridge Nov. 30; & I thank you for them.

The resolution in regard to Choctaw books shall receive immediate attention. We shall be happy to send whatever remains in our possession.

The letter of Messrs Kingsbury & Byington, declining the annual assistance proffered by the Com^ee, is also here. We think that there is a broad distinction between giving aid to the mission as such, & giving aid to these brethren, for the reasons which we have indicated. But there is no occasion for a discussion of this point.

I am not sure but you have overlooked a matter affecting the order & regularity of nevertheless must be taken into the account in coming to a final decision. I supposed that you would appreciate this statement, & understand its meaning, in the general. I supposed, too, that you would remember that we should not publish some facts & considerations that might properly influence the Com^{ee}.

We might have taken two courses different from the one which we actually pursued. 1. We might have referred the whole case to the Board, thus exciting discussion, besides having another [illegible] that should run on for months in the papers. 2. We might have gone to the Board with a case for retaining the mission, presenting the anti-slavery side of the question. But the statement must have been published, & it would necessarily have done harm to our [illegible]. We took a different course, because we thought it would leave your work in the best condition. We did not wish to mar the success of years by our mode of leaving the field.

Mr Chamberlain mistook the meaning of the paragraph p. 143 of the last Report. I have written to him on the subject.

Very fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

our proceedings. The ~~dis~~ continuance of the mission did not sunder your personal relations to the Board. This you understand, & will appreciate, I doubt not. It follows, therefore, that a request from you, individually, that your connection with the Board may be dissolved, is a proper step to be taken at an early day. Strictly speaking you should have been released from the Board, before you went into another relation; though you might have asked another body to receive you, ~~[illegible]~~ your connection with us should have terminated later. It seems that a

It is not necessary that you should send the letter; all can see the sameness [illegible].

I have rec^d a letter from Mr. [illegible] in which he speaks of the "cloud" of suspicion spread & left upon the mission by our statement, &c. It was never intended to reflect upon you in the paragraph to which he refers, as I suppose. There are "facts & considerations" which ought not to be read before the public, having no unfavorable bearing upon your fidelity as missionaries, ~~[illegible]~~

Miss. Rooms Boston
Jan. 19, 1860

Rev Asher Wright
Seneca Mission

Dear Brother

I am instructed by the P.C. to ask of you the performance of a very unpleasant duty. Were it practicable, I would myself assume the burden; but my place is clearly at the Miss. Rooms, in these times of perplexity & trial. The case in which we wish to secure your aid, is this. We have rec^{d} thro. the minister at Shutesbury, Mass, the gravest charges against Mr Potter. It seems that a niece of Miss Edwards, formerly & now living in Shutesbury, became a member of his family last spring; & it is alleged that he accomplished her ruin. Her name is Mary Tillson.

You will say, doubtless, that such a story is incredible; & you may think that the Prud. Com^{ee} ought not to take the least notice of it. But the charge comes before us in such a shape that we are not at liberty to ignore it. The missionary character must be guarded with the utmost care. Like Cesar's wife, it should be above
suspicion

It is due to Mr Potter, moreover, that he have an opportunity to clear himself from these many imputations. At the present time, especially, after the fall of Dr Conroy, we cannot be too watchful in this direction.

Now the request which the Com^{e} address to you is that you will see Mr P. at your earliest convenience, & solicit a frank & friendly & full disclosure of whatever can throw light on this unpleasant affair. And it is the wish of the Com^{e} that you also confer with the members of his family, so far as may seem desirable for your entire satisfaction. We have had confidence in Mr P. as a good man & a faithful missionary; & I hope that he will now show himself altogether worthy of it. That if he wishes to retain his place in our regards, the best thing which he can do will probably be to give you permission to confer with the members of his household, at the same time, abstaining himself from making any previous communication to them.

The bearing of such a course, on his part, ought to be obvious. If Mr P. speaks to you in a perfectly unreserved manner, & allows you to connexion with his family in the way which I have indicated, you will come to a result that you can report to us with confidence; & we shall have a good answer for all who may be disposed to complain of our proceedings.

It may occur to you possibly, that Mr P. is released from his connection with us. Why then should we ask this investigation. I have given the answer in part. 1. We are interested in the case as affecting the missionary character. 2. We ought not to ~~suffer~~ suffer Mr P. to leave Allegheny with such an imputation resting on him. 3. While such a charge is pending, we should not be justified in paying him any returning allowance. He will understand, of course, that this is suspended.

You will please to express to Mr P. our regret that there is any occasion for such a visit as you are to make. Our prayer is that he may come forth from the trial as gold doubly refined.

Very fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

P. S. You are at liberty to show this letter [illegible]. if requested, for other explanations made to him of Jan. 6.

Private & Confidential Miss. House, Boston

Jan. 21. 1860.

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca Mission

Dear Brother

It seems desirable that I should make a few suggestions, in respect to Mr. P.'s case, which you will regard as for your eye alone. At the outset, you will need to know more about the charges. I will state them, so far as they have come to me.

1. It is alleged that Miss. C. wrote to her sister, Mrs Tillson, urging her to send Mary to Mr. P. to be educated as his child. Miss C. said that Mary would share in Mr P.'s property, he having two farms, & $200 interest money. Her (Mary's) taste for music could also be cultivated, &c.

The mother was slow to give up her daughter entirely, & she was then urged to let her go for 6 or 12 months.

2. Mary arrived at Mr P's Saturday. The next Monday, he wrote to Mrs. T. saying that she had made a great sacrifice in surrendering her daughter, & had reposed unlimited confidence in him. He regarded the trust as sacred.

3. Mrs T. gives Mary's report of what took place as Mary was too nervous to write. (She has promised to write hereafter.) According to this statement, Mary arrived about noon, almost sick from the effects of the journey; ate no dinner. Miss C. went with her into a bed room; had her lie down. At night Miss C. went with her into the same room, & helped her to bed. Mary supposed it was Miss C's room. Miss C. went out; Mary thought she did not wish to return so early. After a while she heard footsteps; Mr P. came in, undressed (done in another room,) & got into the bed which she occupied. She asked him if he meant any thing bad. She was much frightened. She remembers nothing more (the use of chloroform is suspected) when she came to herself. She knew that she had been "treated in the most shameful manner".

She afterward learned where Miss C's room was; thinks it was the next night; went there. Miss C. went to Mr P's room. After talking with him awhile, she came, & got her up & back into his room.

He went away one night; was gone till after the time to return. He told her he wanted that she should go into his room, as usual. She said she would rather go into her room. He told her to fasten her own door, & to go into his room, & Miss (Hough?) Hough would

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fasten that door. Mary thinks it "was fairly understood by all the teachers". It is also alleged that Mr. P. protested strongly, has hinted his willingness to get a divorce — You will see that the allegations are of the gravest character. It seems utterly impossible that they can be true, involving as they do almost the entire family. But, on the other hand, we are met with this difficulty: "How could a girl of 14 fabricate such a story, involving her own dishonor, & implicating her parents in the most infamous manner?" You will see that we must investigate. The parents, & the ministers, at Shutesbury, fully believe her statements, & will not be satisfied without an investigation. After getting your report, perhaps the Com.r will send me to Shutesbury, to complete the examination.

I attach great importance to a free conference with the different members of the family, alone, without any opportunity for a concerted story. Thus you will get a full statement from Mr. P. for what he wanted Mary to live with him; how she behaved; what his intercourse with her was; what reason there could be for such a fabrication (if there is any) — if you can get a similar statement from Miss E. also what inducements she held out to Miss S.; (offer education, property, marriage &c); please to see if Mr. P. has any such amount of property. (what happened, after Mary arrived, under darkness")

Very respectfully &c

[illegible]

they slept; whether there was any improper familiarity; what could induce Mary to make such a charge. (I don't indicate all the questions. Others will occur to you,) — we shall know better where the truth is. Mrs Potter's statement would be of great value, if frankly made. So would one from Mrs Salkirk or Miss Hough: if she is the person.

I think you had better take down the principal statements & report them to us, as we may have occasion to examine Mary.

A sister of Mary's, 4 years older, lived [illegible]. She had left [illegible] before Mary's arrival, & had gone to Plymouth, Ct. where she now is. It is said that she knows enough to doom Mr P. Please to inquire about her; why she left, what they think of her &c.

If Mr. P. wishes to see this letter, it is my request that he will not press the matter. If he is innocent, he has no occasion to dread what I have written. On the other hand a favorable report from you, in case he allows you to investigate, as I have indicated, will be of great value. It is for his interest, if slandered, to assent to this course.

Dear Brother! May wisdom be given you from Above in this difficult matter! This trial is of the Lord, as are all our trials. (We have many in these last days.) Bear it therefore, hopefully, joyfully, & you will see "light in the darkness"

Very fraternally yrs S. V. Pease

Miss. House. Boston
Jan. 23. 1860

Rev. A. Gleason
Seneca Mission

Dear Brother.

Yours of the 18th Inst. rec^d — read with much satisfaction, in the main. I am exceedingly glad that there is so much of encouragement, just now, on the Reservation; but I am sorry that you find some dry picking" in certain localities, (I think you so styled.) And I am led to fear that there is a little danger of friction in the working of the machinery at Cattaraugus. You & Bro. Wright will both need a great deal of wisdom to avoid unpleasant complications.

My expectation was, that while you were engaged in the agency, you would be relieved of responsibility in regard to the ch. I did not suppose that you would wish to unite the two things; &, indeed, it would be very difficult to do so. You are away much of the time; & some one must bear the responsibility. You might, it is true, have an understanding with Mr. Wright as to the matter, whereby each would assume certain duties. In that case, you would always know just what you are to do in any contingency. But aside from any such understanding, I suppose you are, during your agency, relieved from responsibility as the pastor of the chh., from the necessity of the case.

Our finances are not falling into such a state as we desired. The debt is altogether too large, & the additions have not [illegible] expanded so rapidly & earnestly as we have hoped. [illegible] need a baptism of prayer & love. May it come speedily!

Kind regards to [illegible]

[illegible] fraternally

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 27. 1860.

Rev. S. L. Hobbs, M.D.
Choct. Nation

Dear Brother,

Yours of Nov. 21 I have read & re-read with pleasure & with care. The question, what shall be your position in future, I have no doubt, presses upon you. I will say a few words ~~on~~ the subject.

1. Personally it would give me great pleasure to retain you & your station in connection with the Board. But I am not sure that it is best.

The [illegible] brethren are now in connection with the O. S. Board. Will it not be preferable for you & your people, on the whole, to have the same ecclesiastical relation, not only, but the same missionary relation? Is not the natural place of your church with the O. S. organization throughout?

Suppose, moreover, that you should die, or be compelled to leave. We could hardly expect to keep up the station. If the transfer must take place at some time, may it not as well take place now as hereafter.

2. We are much cramped in our finances [illegible]
this regard

our receipts disappoint us. The [illegible] year does not bring the relief which we expected. We shall be obliged to curtail, I feel confident, perhaps very soon. In these circumstances is it best for us to retain Lenox? If the O.S. Board will take it, can they not? They are to receive an increase of funds because they take the Choct. mission. May they not as well assume the entire expense of the work there?

I throw out these thoughts for your consideration. Perhaps you will have acted by the time your presby. meets. The Lord give you all the wisdom which you need; & may he vouchsafe the same blessing to us.

If you are inclined, in view of all the circumstances, to remain with us, please to inform me how the question of slavery stands at Lenox. Have you any slaveholders in your ch.? If so, how many? Have you admitted any by profession? If so, in what way? Is there any probability of other additions hereafter?

You will understand that we wish to avoid further trouble with this matter. We have had enough already. We should be very sorry, therefore, to get into any position which would embarrass us in this regard

We are living at the Miss. House a very alarming time. The fall of Dr Pomroy, the state of our treasury, the fear that we might be obliged to curtail our operations, all these things, coming together, make us feel our weakness. Our only consolation is that the work is the Lord's; & we know that He loves it far better than we do.

I have never known such a time. My heart has been crushed down exceedingly. Not a day of deliverance will come in this world, I doubt not; in the world to come beyond all controversy. Heaven has never seemed so desirable as it has within the last four weeks. The Lord keep us ~~any~~ ever ready to go up thither!

Kindest regards to [illegible]

Very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms. Boston
Jan. 31. 1860

Rev. J. C. Brigham D.D.
Sec. of the Am. Bible Soc.

Dear Brother

I am instructed by the Prud. Com.ee to address you in regard to the work of translating & printing the Scriptures at Park Hill, Cherokee Nation, in the hope that you will be able to relieve us from the expenditure which we are incurring therefor. As reasons for your assuming this responsibility, allow me to say that,

1. We have expended a large sum of money in this work. We have paid some $600, annually, for translating, printing & binding, for a number of years, besides providing for the entire support of the missionary, though he has given much of his time to this department of labor.

2. Retrenchment, in some part of our operations, has become a necessity. We shall make a vigorous effort to close our financial year, free from pecuniary embarrassment.

and we do not intend to allow any consid-erable debt to stand against us in future. In order to this, however, we shall be obliged to diminish our expenditures, wherever it is feasible.

It is quite clear that there must be one curtailment in our Indian enterprise. Our attention will be directed to the Cherokee mission, among others; it will relieve us very much, when we come to the field, if you shall have consented to assume the entire cost of what is claimed to give the Bible to the Cherokees.

The items will be (1) the salary of Mr Torrey, who will devote his time mainly to this business, & will need some $600 or $700; (2) the pay of the interpreter, perhaps $200; (3) printing & binding.

Very respectfully

Yours,

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Feb 9. 1863

To the Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren

[illegible]

We cannot foresee just what the receipts will be; but we know that they are small. They say we seem to be called upon to keep our expenses down as low as possible, without destroying our work.

These remarks will prepare the way for what I have to say in regard to certain

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 1. 1860.

To the Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren

I have before me the letters of Mr Riggs, Oct. 26, Dr. Williamson Nov. 18, & Mr Cunningham, Jan. 3. The first two would have been acknowledged long ago, but for the time of trial & hard work, through which we are passing. We at the Miss. House have never had just such a season before. Our finances occasion great solicitude. We are hopeful; but there is much to do, in order to bring the two ends together July 31. 1860.

You will naturally suppose that we feel the importance of very rigid economy. It is very desirable that we close the financial year without a serious debt. As we cannot foresee just what the receipts will be, & as we know that they are small thus far, we seem to be called upon to keep our expenses down as low as possible, without destroying our work.

These remarks will prepare the way for what I have to say in regard to certain matters in which you have an interest. Without acting on the estimates, I have come to the following result, viz. (1) We deduct $50 from the item of hired help, so that the entire appropriation is $2650. (2) The Com. hope that you will make your actual expenditure as much less than this sum as you can. We remember your readiness to retrench in past years, & feel that nothing more need be said; as we are perfectly assured that you will do all that you ought to do.

2. In regard to the employment of John P. Williamson, we are obliged to speak with a little reserve. We can see many advantages in having him enter on work among the Dakotas. Were every thing favorable, I should rejoice to see him in the field. And I must hope that your finances will so improve, that we can afford the money after a time. Then, if there is a real call for a missionary, such as we ought to regard, I shall be glad to find that our young brother has girded on the harness. You will understand, therefore, that the matter is open for further correspondence.

3. The licensing of a Dakota elder, who cannot speak English, to the Gospel ministry, seems to

us a little doubtful. (1) You cannot well afford the $50. If an important object were to be gained by the measure, we should not demur, even in our circumstances. But the [illegible] must be doubtful, for the most part; & it is not perfectly easy to provide suitable accommodations for Indians at our Board meetings; in one case, at least, there was some trouble. I am not satisfied, moreover, as to the effect on [illegible]. Paul, I think, would be injured. Simon, I should hope, would escape unharmed. On the whole, therefore, the Come. have not felt justified in [illegible] for this purpose. I hope Dr. Williamson will be able to attend the Genl. Assembly; though I am not certain that I shall be there.

~~[illegible]~~ I am glad to hear from Mr Cunningham & hope he will keep me posted up in regard to the boarding school.

You will all feel the importance of prayer for the Board in its present embarrassment. We seem to be especially called to this instrumentality at the present time. Remember us, I beseech; & may the Lord bless you in return! Kindest regards to all in connection with you. Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 1. 1860.

Mr J. D. Chamberlain
Chost. Station

Dear Brother

I have recd your letter of Jan. 5. with a copy of yours to Mr Edwards.

You will receive my reply to your previous letter, by which, I trust, you will be relieved of apprehension.

I have not seen the action of the N. Kansas Synod. The Assembly's Board Cmee have acted very unwisely in [illegible] publishing the communications of the missionaries. I now hope that the worst of the storm is passed.

What Mr Hobbs will do, I don't know. The Lord will care for him as soon as for his people. I doubt not

Kind regards to all

Very truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Missi. House Boston
Feb. 1. 1860.

Rev T. E. Ranney
Chor. Mission.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Oct 17 has rec^d no answer hitherto, partly because I have been so busy for the last 10 weeks, having had Dr. Pomeroy's work, besides my own, & that in the most trying circumstances, & partly because I knew not what to write. Mr Torrey has been requested to stay at Park Hill for the present; but the final arrangement is not settled.

Our finances are giving us serious trouble. We find (1) that we must change the basis of our appropriations, taking the liberality of the chhs in the past year (or the past three years) as our guide, & not going beyond that; & (2) that we must bring down our expenditures to a lower point, as soon as practicable, so that we can introduce the new system in favorable circumstances.

We are obliged, therefore, to look around & see where reductions can be made; & I do not know where we shall begin. It is quite clear that the Indian missions will come in for a share of the reduction; & that is all that I can say at present.

In these circumstances we cannot reinforce your mission. (We have no men, if we had the means.) I don't think that the station at Fairfield presents so strong claims as some other points, which are in danger. Certainly Mr Loring's letters have given me the impression that he is sufficiently discouraging of that field; & I supposed that he gave you his honest impressions.

I have repeated conferences with other brethren; & I have some light at times; but it is apt to give place to the darkness. Perhaps my mind is affected somewhat by the state of our finances, which is the great subject with us at the present time. To close the year with a heavy debt will be very bad.

I am sorry that I cannot write in a more cheerful strain. But it has been a time of sorrow with us for many weeks; & I don't know when the days of deliverance & joy are to come. [illegible] Kindest regards to [illegible] the [illegible] with Mr Spooner. [illegible] Very fraternally yours, [illegible]

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 2, 1860.

Mr I. T. Miner
Ojibwas.—

Dear Brother

Your letter of Nov 19–28. I rec^d about a month ago; & I have expected to hear from your brother in law, in respect to going to Odanah; but as yet he has not written to me.

In regard to the plan which you propose, it will be necessary to consider its financial bearings. Just now we are obliged to consult the demands of the most rigid economy every where, the Indian missions not excepted. If the plan has the merit of economy, as I suppose it would have in the hands of a suitable person, I should be in favor of it, provided Mr. Wheeler sees no objection to it. As he is the oldest laborer in the field, it is proper that his opinion should have a good deal of weight.

I assume, in what I have said, that Mr Spees has the requisite qualifications. I am pleased with your description of him; you omit, however, one important matter. Will he be a good farmer, efficient, economical, &c.? Will he conduct the business so as to render a valuable service to our treasury, as well as to the Indians?

I would not exalt unduly the secular; but in these times, we must keep an eye on the dollars & cents. I have no suspicion that Mr Spees is deficient here. I presume that you had this qualification so distinctly in mind, that you did not deem it material to mention it.

If there is any prospect that Mr S. will be willing to enter upon such a work, please to confer freely with Mr Wheeler, & let him write to me. Any additional light from you I shall be glad to receive. Let Mr W. express his opinion of the economy of the arrangement.

Kind regards to Mrs M. & Mrs Wheeler.

I am, my fraternally

yours

S. B. Treat

I hope to hear from you as to the cost of your mission during the coming year. How much will you need? I trust that you will do all

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 2. 1860

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwa Sta

Dear Brother

Mr Gordon has shown me your report, to be transmitted to Washington; I have a copy of it, which I shall keep. I am glad that you have commenced the boarding school under such favorable auspices.

It has given me much pleasure to learn that your health is so much improved. Mr Pulsifer wrote to me some time since that you had begun to preach. Be prudent, I entreat you. There is nothing gained by overwork.

The subject of finances is now the absorbing question with us. We are deeply in debt; the prospect of deliverance is not good. We are beginning to see where reductions can be made, a very painful business, I assure you.

I hope to hear from you as to the cost of your mission during the coming year. How much will you need? I trust that you will do all in your power to relieve us. Write [illegible] as fully in this matter as you can.

I presume you will proceed rather slowly in the matter of admitting pupils to the boarding school. This is the true way I have no doubt. And we need ~~the~~ relief from any unnecessary expenditure, wherever it is practicable.

We have had a sorrowful time at the Miss. House since we heard of Br. Pomeroy's case. It has burdened our hearts exceedingly. I have great facility in throwing off trouble; but this sorrow clings to me. I feel as if an own brother had dishonored himself. I seem to myself, somehow, to have a personal share in the disgrace. And all this when there is so much need of one's best thoughts & efforts to arrest the increase of debt. But the Lord reigns; he will be glorified, whatever becomes of us. Pray much for us, that we may escape our perplexities & perils.

Cut. – Kindest regards to all the [illegible]. Harvey did not get one. I ordered [illegible] of the Eastern Hemisphere — cloth. Perhaps your people will pay for it, at least in two or three contributions.

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 2. 1860

Rev. N. M. Pierce
Allegany

Dear Brother

Your letter of Oct 27 I rec^d in due time; but I have been so busy that I could not answer it till now. Indeed, just as your communication reached us in the midst of our sorrows. The fall of Dr. P. had just occurred; & we have had a heavy burden to bear ever since.

It adds to our perplexity that our receipts are so unsatisfactory. Our debt is over $100.000; we cannot go on in this style much longer. I fear that we shall be obliged to defer the aid of a School on Cornplanter Reservation, as you have proposed, for the present.

We have no maps, such as you need for the Monthly Concert. Bidwell's are the best, & those are obtained in New York. If you get one, I would advise the procuring of the Eastern Hemisphere — cloth — Perhaps your people will pay for it, at least in two or three contributions.

I have read your account of what the Lord is doing at Cornplanter's, with great pleasure, from the beginning of the narrative I hope you will have much more to relate in coming months.

I shall be glad to hear from you frequently. Though I cannot write much, aside from having the care of the Home Department, it will be pleasant to know what you are doing, & still more what the Treat Missionary is doing.

Kind regards to ladies & Rev. James [illegible]

Very fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 3. 1860.

Rev. G. Rockwood,
Tuscarora.

Dear Brother

For several reasons, I have said nothing about your allowance for 1860. I have been waiting, with much anxiety, to see where our finances were carrying us, that we might make our plans, intelligently & surely, for the future. I have also been much harassed & perplexed, since Dr Pomeroy's departure. In truth, we have never had such a sorrowful time at the Miss. House!

In view of our embarrassments, the Comm. have voted to strike off $50 from your estimates. We shall be obliged to make greater reductions in some of our missions.

But I wish to submit another subject for your consideration. We must contract our expenses; this is settled. The Committee will make their appropriations on a different plan hereafter, being governed, not by what the missions need, but what the churches are actually giving, so that we may keep out of debt.

So they and we are looking around to see where a saving can be made. It has occurred to me & others, that you may receive your support from the Home Miss. Soc. & the Indians.

The people compare well with whites around them; they are Christianized as much as their neighbors; & they are advancing in civilization. Is it not time then for us, as a foreign miss. Soc. to consider our work as done. The schools are sustained by the State. Why should not the church be cared for on the home basis?

I think it would do the people good to come into a new relation. Should they resolve to do so, would they not more rapidly develop their energies, & more surely advance in strength & manhood.

You will suggest certain objections. (1) The salary must be reduced. The max. income which the Home Miss. Soc. is willing to supplement by $500. Of this I suppose they will give $300. Now can you not, in some way, get along with $500. the amt. which the Home missionaries receive? I did not know, till this A.M. that this was the maximum of these salaries. It is certainly an awkward fact that we are giving considerably more than they receive. (2) Cannot your people raise $200 for your support? Will it not do them good to put forth such an effort?

Please to write to me freely on this subject, & let me know just what is practicable, & what is not. Please also to say how much our property is worth at Tuscarora. Have you any suggestion to make in regard to its disposition, in case you should become a Home Miss.!

Kindest regards to Mrs R. & the family
Very fraternally yrs
6. 1860

Mrs. B. W. Gleason
Seneca Miss.

S. B. Treat

Dear Madam,

Yours of the 30th I have rec'd & reply somewhat briefly, of necessity.

My letter of Jan 23 was occasioned by your husband's of Jan 18. I stated my "expectation" of what he was to do, at the time he entered on the agency. I wrote to Mr Wright July 11, declining our assent to the proposal that Mr G. should obtain funds for the Orphan Asylum, & I added, "We expect you, meanwhile, to perform his duties." This was said in perfect kindness, in order that he might be free from double responsibility, & that he might have a temporary release from his perplexities, of which he had before written to us.

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Miss. House, Boston,
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her to intimate (1) that we considered Mr. G. as permanently released from his relation to the Catt. chh.; far from it; or (2) that he & Mr. W. were not at liberty to make any arrangements for the [illegible] care of the chh., which they should think best. They, of course, might have done this at the outset; & they can do it now. & I shall be entirely satisfied.

I confess that I have a little fear of "friction" at Cattaraugus, notwithstanding what you say, if I am correctly informed as to the state of things. Mr. G. expresses his fear lest "the old sore" "fester again".

If it should, is there no danger of friction? I have no ~~xxx~~ apprehension that the Tuscaroras, left to themselves, would have any trouble; but what the Senecas, if divided & distracted, would do, I cannot so well foresee. The trouble might reach farther than any of us can predict.

Kind regards to all your family.

Very sincerely yrs
S. W. Lear

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 12. 186.

Rev. H. J. Potter
Allegheny.

Dear Brother

Yours of the last I have rec.d — as also Mrs Knight's report of her visit to your station. It has given me great pleasure to obtain an explanation of what seemed very unaccountably mysterious. If I could have had any clue to the girl's strange story, or the hypothetical cause of it, I might have felt that it was hardly worth while to make any inquiry as to the facts. As the matter stood, it was clearly best for us & for you that we should give you a chance to explain.

I am greatly hurried, & so can say but little. It has occurred to me, however, that perhaps official duty required me to ask a few words in regard to our property. The allowance which we made was very large; & the Com.ee decided the matter in the supposition that you ~~but~~ would have but little else to rely upon. How is the fact? Please to inform me about the $200 interest money yearly, & the two farms. We are greatly pressed in our finances; & I have a hard time in keeping the financial Sec. Kind regards to all.

Fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

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Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 14, 1860

Chs. H. Stewart
New York City

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 13th with the Bill, we have just recd. I fear that we shall be embarrassed by the new clause; hence I write to you at once.

The expression "Tribes not provided with schools," if construed literally would prevent our expending the Osage money among Indians that have schools, no matter how supported, & no matter how poor. I suppose, however, the meaning is, that we may expend the money where the U.S. govt does nothing for schools. This would "cramp" us very much, especially as our Indian missions have undergone some changes since this question was first agitated.

We have a boarding school among the Dakotas, for which we should like to use a part of this money. But we have recd a small sum from the Govt for day schools, &c. & perhaps we cannot appropriate the ~~same~~ Osage money in this way. This will illustrate the difficulty. If we are forced to expend the money among tribes that have no schools, or none supported by the govt we may not use it to the best advantage.

Now it seems to me that the true way is to omit the words, "not provided with schools."

S. B. Treat

because (1) ~~it is~~ they are incongruous. By the treaty the money was to be "expended in schools among the Osages, & improving their condition". By this bill the money may go "for the same purposes (i.e. schools or improving the condition) but it must be among tribes not provided with schools", overlooking the improving clause. (2) If the matter is left to our "judgment", we can expend the money more wisely. A great deal has been done for schools by the Govt - & by us, which has accomplished but little. We desire to make our efforts in the line of ~~efforts~~ things more serviceable to the Indians in coming years. (3) The money (most of it, certainly) belongs to us. Why should we have such a condition attached to our use of it?

Now is it not practicable to get the words "not provided with schools" out of the bill? Then we will use the money in what we consider the best way.

In relation to the Kanzas "Christians", we should be very happy to carry out Mr. Sebastian's wishes, if, upon proper inquiry, every thing should be favorable. We should desire to know "all about them", as the phrase is, before commencing a mission among them, ~~which~~ (as this would be involved in the expenditure.) If we knew the best person to write to, we would correspond with them. Perhaps some one would make a visit to them. Mr Baker, however, has left the matter in the right shape; there it can remain."

Should it be impossible to amend the Bill, would it be practicable to drop the expenditures, now made in different tribes by the U. S. Gov^t – under the auspices of our missionaries, & substitute the appropriation of this money?

We made a contract with the U. S. Gov^t some three years ago to build & carry on a boarding school among the Ojibwas at Odanah, on Bad River, near Lake Superior. The Gov^t was to allow $3000 for the buildings; which have been paid. But, owing to the extra expense of building there, & the excellent character of the edifice, we have expended in addition $5000. Would it be possible to cover this item by this Bill?

Note / The School is now opened, & we are to receive $1500 from the Gov^t a year for its support, or till the number of pupils shall exceed 20. But we are obliged to employ two families & a teacher besides.

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Very sincerely yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 16. 186.

Rev. To the Seneca Mission

Dear Brethren

The estimates which you sent some time since, have not been acted upon till quite recently, owing to various causes. Last Tuesday the Com^ee made the appropriations, less, however, than you asked. This is owing to our pecuniary troubles. We allow the following sums:

Upper Cattaraugus — $725. omitting $200 for printing & $25 for medicine

Lower Cattaraugus — $680. omitting education of children, half the pay of the Interpreter, & native help, in consequence of a conference with Mr. G.

Lower Allegany $700. omitting $50 for repairs.

Upper Allegany $820. in full

I wish to inquire whether Mr G's salary may not be charged to the Orphan Asylum, or be [illegible] for it. We are anxious to save whenever it is possible to do so. And I hope that in other matters you will retrench as much as possible.

Very fraternally Yr

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Feb. 16. 1860.

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca.

Dear Brother

I have your three letters of Jan. 18. Feb. 3 & Feb. 6. for which I am greatly obliged to you.

That of Feb 3 I read to the Com^ee in full; & they were greatly relieved by your statement. Though the charges from Shelesburg seem very improbable, since Dr. P's fall we hardly know what may come. The course which you have pursued meets our entire approval.

In your letter of Jan. 31 - Jan 18 there are several items which require a notice. (1) The lease on Cornplanter's Res. you will have learned, is effectually disposed of by another agency. (2) The matter of Mr Potter's allowance is not finally settled. I have written to him in regard to his property, & will keep in mind "the property belonging to the mission". (3) I am most happy to hear that there are signs of good among the Senecas. May the Lord increase the blessing a hundred fold.

In regard to the employment of Dea. Isaac mentioned in yours of Feb. 6. I am obliged to say that I think we can do nothing just now. It is possible that we may feel able to aid him at a future time. We allow you $50 for native help. You can use this sum for his support, if it is not needed indispensably elsewhere.

I doubt whether we can encourage Mr. Hall to settle there. I think very highly of him, & appreciate his persistent desire to leave Allegheny. But Mr. Rice has the place fairly & honestly, & we shall not feel able to support two families on that Reservation. We are looking around for reductions, & not for extension of expenses.

Kindest regards to Mrs. W. & all associated with you.

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Feb. 17. '60

Chs. H. Stewart Esq

New York

Dear Sir

I have yours of the 15th. I think the introduction of the word "adequately" will remove the difficulty which we feel in regard to the Bill. I hope you will succeed in effecting the alteration, as I deem it very important.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Missionary House, Boston,

Feb. 17. 1860

Rev. Worcester Willey

My Dear Brother

[illegible] I would be absent from [illegible] to see you [illegible] on Mon[illegible] I will go [illegible] (D.V.) to see you from 11 to 1 P.M. Please [illegible] at the point [illegible] exceedingly perplexed, & the more because of [illegible] Mrs. W. [illegible]

With kind regards,

very truly yours,

R. Anderson,

Secy of A. B. C. F. M.

Missionary House, Boston,
Feb. 17. 1860

Rev. Worcester Willey,
Andover, Ms.

My Dear Brother,

I must be absent from town from Wednesday of next week until Saturday. My only time to see you is during a couple of hours on Monday, which will be long enough for present purposes. My evening is engaged for a meeting. If you will come down on Monday morning, I will engage (D.V.) to see you from 11 to 1 P.M. Please get the points all ready. I am exceedingly pressed, & the more because of my company, Mr Agnew. With kind regards to Mrs. W., & Edwin, most truly yours,

R. Anderson,
Secy. of A. B. Comrs.

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 18. 1860.

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Choctaws —

Dear Brother

Yours of the 18th Jan. I have rec'd. That part which relates to Mr C. I have read with profound regret.

I have had two or three communications from him, which indicated some excitement; but I supposed that it all proceeded from a misapprehension, which I have endeavored to remove, & was expecting that his mind would resume its ordinary quiet.

I shall deplore, on many grounds, any further agitation of this question. We want the undivided attention of our friends to the Miss. work, in its world-wide relations; & at this time, especially, side issues are very undesirable.

There is one part of your letter which I hardly understand. I had hoped, you say, "that nothing would occur to give ground for the report that the Board had cast them off." I had supposed that our missionaries knew us too well to suppose it possible for us to do such a thing, & that they would be able to prevent the circulation of such reports.

If either case should give rise to any such inquiry, Mr Hotchkin can tell you how he was secured for the service which he has performed at Stockbridge; & I can state he will clear us from any ~~[illegible]~~ suspicion as to our motives or aims. In sending Mr Torrey to your mission, I requested him to pursue a course which should harmonize the ~~mission~~ brethren, knowing that there was not entire unanimity. I have had the strongest reason to beware of those who should "gather their support & scatter them broad cast over our country". Lastly, I have had perplexity enough with the "Choctaw question", to avoid any additional conflict & confusion.

We might have pursued a diff^t course last year. We might have defended you & ourselves by submitting to the Board the "anti slavery view" of the case. But if we had done so, we should have found much better probably, but you would have been embarrassed by our defence. We might have taken the case to the Board, without any opinion or action of the Com^ee, & left it to the assembled wisdom of the members; but we should have an earnest discussion, which would have involved you necessarily, & which would have been kept up in the papers for an indefinite period. Very likely the question would have gone over to a subsequent meeting. Now we honestly thought that it would be much better for your work to have you act as we did than to have us pursue a different course. If we have erred it was in kindness to the welfare of the Choctaws.

Kindest regards to Mrs R. & all with you

Very fraternally

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S. B. Treat

Miss Rawle. [illegible]

[illegible] 1864

[illegible] it gives me great pleasure to learn that your health is so much improved; & I hope the Lord will continue to show his goodness to you. You will see the importance of great care [illegible] others [illegible]. Do not feel that the work rests upon your shoulders. Rather possess your soul in patience & quietness. This is one of the lessons doubtless which you are to learn from this season of trial.

I am glad to learn that you have some encouragement in your work. May the Lord give you greater things, & far greater things. I see the teacher [illegible] in mind. It may be somewhat difficult to combine all the qualities which you desire.

In these times, your expenses are a little inconvenient. I learn from Mr. S. that the boarding school has [illegible] cost of [illegible]. Is this so? Is it possible to get the same out of the govt? If it is, the relief for us would be great, first in this way.

Miss. House. Boston
Feb. 18 1860

Rev. C. H. Wheeler
Harpoot

Dear Brother

Yours of the 12th ult. I have rec'd. It gives me great pleasure to learn that your health is so much improved; & I hope the Lord will continue to show his goodness to you. You will see the importance of great care. What others can do, [illegible] let them do. Do not feel that the work rests upon your shoulders. Rather, possess your soul in patience & quietness. This is one of the lessons doubtless which you are to learn from this severe trial.

I am glad to hear that you have some encouragements in your work. May the Lord give you greater things, & far greater things to see. The teacher I will keep in mind. It may be somewhat difficult to combine all the qualities which you desire.

In these times, your expenses are a little inconvenient. I learn from Mr S. that the boarding school has cost $800. Is this so? Is it possible to get this same out of the govt? If it is, the relief for us will be great, just in this crisis.

The Com^ee have sanctioned your estimate, viz. $2580, including all the items. We suppose, however, that this sum will be much reduced by the Govt. allowance of $1500, as also by the produce of the farm.

I wish you would let me know what will be the probable cost of the mission, after the boarding school is fairly started on its way. We are obliged to make very close calculations in regard to our expenses; hereafter we shall be obliged to put our appropriations on a new basis.

Kindest regards to Mrs W. & the children. Also to Henry, & your associates in the boarding school. The blessing of the Lord rest upon them all!

Very fraternally &c

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 18 - 1860

Rev. N. H. Pierce
Allegany.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 2nd with Mr Spencer's letter Has been rec^d. The letter of Mr. S. I return herewith.

I am glad that you are to receive ordination. I have no suggestions to make as to the manner. You will become, I suppose, a member of the Consociation of Western N.Y. It is desirable that you should be connected with some ecclesiastical body; but we leave all to follow their own preferences.

The Com^ee expect you to occupy the house which Mr P. now occupies. For this reason no allowance is made for repairs at Old Town.

Have you any thing to say as to the articles which Mr P. should leave at the station? I shall be glad to obtain your views in this matter.

I am glad to hear that you have some things to encourage you at Old Town. May the Lord bestow an abundant blessing upon you all! Make full proof of your ministry, my dear brother. Labor always as in the Master's presence.

In haste — Very fraternally yours S. B. Treat

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Abb. Hanse Boole
Feb. 20. 1860

Chl H. Stewart esq
New York

Dear Sir
I have yours of the 18th with a copy of part of Mr Booker's letter. Your suggestion to strike out the word "adequately" above, & affirm that will answer as well as the whole amendments which he proposes.

Very truly

S B Frost

Feb. 20. 1860

Mr Chs H Chamberlain
Chicago

Brother

Yours of the 28th ult. I have just recd. I supposed that mine of the 16th inst would allay your apprehensions. Perhaps that of the 16th inst may have done so. I feel quite sure that the [illegible] the Lord to bring you forth [illegible] May Divine wisdom be vouchsafed to you ever to the end.

I have no letter from you dated in Sept 1857, & so cannot find a copy. If you sent one, it has failed to reach me.

Kind regards to Mr C. Hall.

Fraternally Yrs

S. B. Frost

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 20. 1860

Mr. J. D. Chamberlain
Choctaw [illegible]

Dear Brother

Yours of the 28th ult. I have just rec'd. I supposed that mine of the 26th Dec. would allay your apprehensions. Perhaps that of Feb. 1 may have done so. I feel quite sure that the statements and [illegible] the pamphlet ought not to occasion you any uneasiness.

I pray the Lord to bring you forth into a large place. May divine wisdom be vouchsafed to you even to the end!

I have no letter from you dated in Sept. 1857, & so cannot give a copy. If you sent one, it has failed to reach me.

Kind regards to Mrs C. & all.

Fraternally Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston
Feb. 22. 1860

Rev. J. Potter
Allegany. N.Y.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 15th rec.d two days ago. Yesterday I stated the substance of it to the Com.ee They were much gratified by your plan to return the treasury. We are glad, partly because of the sum involved, & more, perhaps, because our precedent will stand better.

I have written to the Shirleysburg minister that we find nothing against you that is duly substantiated. I have intimated that you may come east, & demand an investigation, legal or otherwise. I have referred to the "correspondence" which you have. (Of which probably he is ignorant.) I think it likely that my letter will occasion some fluttering in those parts.

Kindest regards to Mrs. P. & all with you.

Very truly
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. Clara Barton
Feb. 22. 1866.

Rev. [illegible] Hubbard
[illegible], Me.

Dear Brother.

On receiving your letter, with the accompanying papers, I wrote to Rev. [illegible] Higgins, an old & experienced minister of excellent character, requesting him to go to Mr Potter's, in order that he might make as thorough an investigation as he could there, & submit his report to us. I gave him various suggestions as to the course which he should pursue, the object of which was to get at the real facts.

Mr H. has made his report, & I must say that he seems to have [illegible] his commission with entire fidelity, omitting nothing that he should have done in the circumstances. Mr Potter gave him every facility, showing him the correspondence which has been had in the case, & of which you perhaps are not aware, & answering all questions, &c.

The result is, that we find nothing against Mr. P. that is duly substantiated, & nothing, therefore, [illegible] in respect to him, at least for the present. He will soon remove to Michigan, having been already released from his connection with the Branch.

It is not unlikely that Mr R. will come to Mass. (after he shall have returned to Michigan,) & demand an investigation, legal or otherwise. When that shall have been held, if any thing further is required of the Board, the Committee will consider the subject again.

Very respectfully Yrs

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 23. 1860.

Mr J. S. Chamberlain
Choctaws. —

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 3d I have just rec'd with a copy of yours to Mr Kingsbury. I confess that I am not able to understand much that I find in your late correspondence. After my explanation of the paragraph on p. 4. of the pamphlet I supposed that the clouds would disappear from your horizon; & pray the Lord to make your sky bright & clear as aforetime.

You quote, in the letter to Mr K. a remark which the reporter has put with the mention of Bro. Chittenden. He did not make such a remark, & he had no reference to you in what he did say.

Most respectfully &c. [illegible]

Fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

P. S. To make the matter in regard to the paragraph in the Pamphlet more clear & satisfactory to your mind, I will say that it would have been just what it is, if I had rec'd no communication from you since the meeting of the Board at Detroit. In writing it, my thoughts were not upon local, but on general matters, affecting our entire work

Miss. Hance. Boston
Feb. 23. 1860

Miss. M. A. West
New York City

Dear Miss W.

Mr. Wheeler has written to me in regard to a teacher for his place. As you have had some conversation with him on the subject I write to inquire if you know any person that would fill the station acceptably & profitably. He desires a "successful teacher", a "good singer, that can "teach vocal music", & can also "share the duties of the household, in taking care of the children out of school". "Her duties would be prominently with the girls", being in their chamber work", "their clothes, &

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 23 1860

Rev. Wm Chew
Tuscarora

Dear Brother

I have rec'd your letter & read it with [illegible] that our work is not a [illegible] as a mission. There was once a complete, years ago, but it passed away; & since then the Board has seemed to be pleased [illegible]

I would say, however, [illegible] in the case [illegible] the facts. [illegible] Whether another missionary would be sent to the Tuscaroras, in case Mr. R. should leave, I cannot say. Much would depend upon the circumstances. If your people should become divided among the Baptists & Methodists, so that only a fragment would remain with us, we should probably retire. We should not feel that we ought to expend so much money for a small number [illegible]

We shall be obliged to wait for the guidance of Providence. May the Lord give us the wisdom which we need!

Very sincerely yrs

S. B. Treat

Mr W. thinks she should not be over 25. This last point I should not consider decisive.

How can we find just the person for such a post? I do not say any thing to you about going, because I suppose it would be of no use. I will say, however, that I think you would fill the place admirably.

Very sincerely yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 23. 1860

Dea. Wm. Chew
Tuscarora. –

Dear Brother

I have recd. your letter & read it with care. I am surprised to hear that Mr Rockwood is not acceptable as a missionary. There was some complaint, years ago; but it passed away; & since then the people have seemed to be pleased with him.

I am not able to say what we shall do in the case. First, we must know all the facts; then we can decide more safely. Whether another missionary would be sent to the Tuscaroras, in case Mr R. should leave, I cannot say. Much would depend upon the circumstances. If your people should become divided among the Baptists & Methodists, so that only a fragment would remain with us, we should probably retire. We should not feel that we ought to expend so much money for a small number.

We shall be obliged to wait for the guidance of Providence. May the Lord give us the wisdom which we need!

Very respectfully yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 7. 1860.

Rev. C. Hotchkin
Living Land. Ch. N.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 8th ult. I laid before the Com. yesterday. They grant your requests with entire cordiality, & so allow you the $100 which you mention. The "old horse" was yours before.

I did not know that you had so little of the Board's property. I wish that our possessions in the Choctaw Nation had been distributed more equally among the missionaries; but we did not know how to dispose of them, save in the manner which we actually adopted.

We know very well at the Miss. House that you & Mrs H. have ~~not~~ been burdensome. You might have recd much more, & no questions would have been asked. But you will have ~~your~~ your reward, I trust, from One who makes no mistakes in his apportionments. The Lord grant it may be so!

The idea that my official relations to you & your good wife have terminated, is very painful. I have regarded you both as hard-working & self-denying missionaries, whom the Lord has greatly blessed. And it would have given me great pleasure to correspond with you, as the Sec. appointed to aid you in your work, till that work should have come to an end. But that was not to be.

This slavery question has been the great trial of my life. I was mixed up with it unexpectedly; & if I had foreseen what was to come, I should never have been involved in it. That is clear.

The working out of the problem has not been according to my wishes. There are too many forces that make themselves felt in such a matter. Conflicting currents flow in upon it. One great mistake was made at the start of the line. The fall of Dr. Pomroy explains it in part. But I will not say more about past affairs. If we ever meet in this world, we may understand each other better. In the meantime I presume we shall have something better to talk about.

I may say in conclusion, that the Com^ee have the kindest feelings towards you & Mrs. H. None of our missionary ladies, any where, are more respected & honored by them than your good wife. Her name has been frequently mentioned in the highest terms. Please to assure her of my Christian love.

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 16. 1860.

Rev. Mr. Rockwood
Tuscarora. —

Dear Brother

I wrote to you some time ago, asking to know if your Ch. could not come under the Home Miss. Soc's care; but I have rec^d no reply, though I have been anxious to know how the plan would work.

A day or two ago, [illegible] rec^d a communication from a member of [illegible], [illegible] in all, which speaks of the [illegible] condition of the [illegible] [illegible] a desire [illegible] [illegible] or [illegible], or the [illegible] of the state of things. There is not much prospect for another denominational arrangement.

I write to you to ask what the movement means. It is a matter which interests you as well as us. Please give me a better insight into what seems to be a breach at Tuscarora.

Kind regards to Mrs R. & family

Very affectionately
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 14. 1860

Wm. Rankin Jr Esq
New York

Dear Sir.

Your note to Mr. [illegible] has been sent to me for a reply.

We allowed Allen Wright $300 for 1857 & 1858. In the estimate for 1859 the mission requested $350 for him, which our Com^ee would have allowed, had they made the appropriation for that year. But as the correspondence which resulted in the "discontinuance", began before the close of 1858, we made no appropriation for 1859. The mission rec^d their support, however, as usual; & I suppose that Allen Wright was paid $350.

Very truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 16. 186.

Rev. Mr. Rockwood
Tuscarora. —

Dear Brother.

I wrote to you some time since, wishing to know if your ch. could not come under the Home Miss. Soc's care; but I have rec'd no reply, though I have been anxious to know how the plan would work.

To day I have lately rec'd a communication from a number of church members, some twelve in all, which speaks of the declining condition of the ch. & seems to desire some inquiry, on our part, as to the cause of this state of things. There is no wish expressed for another denominational arrangement.

I write to you to ask what the movement means. It is a matter which interests you as well as us. Please to give me a better insight into what seems to be a "hitch" at Tuscarora. —

Kind regards to Mrs. R. & family

Very fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 2 1860

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwa.

Dear Brother

Yours of Feb 28 I have rec.d & read with special satisfaction. The financial question is now a great matter. I am glad, therefore, that you write so hopefully in regard to contributions among the Ojibwa.

Soon after receiving yours of Jan 12 I wrote to Miss Frost asking her aid in the procurement of a teacher. I did not hear from her till March 31, when she said that she had been unsuccessful, & advised that we write to some pastor in a country village & solicit his cooperation, in the hope that we should obtain a lady who had rec.d a good "home training", & who possessed the other qualifications. It so happened that immediately afterward I rec.d a letter from Rev Augustus Cone, Ellsworth, Mahoning Co Ohio, who stated that a lady under his pastoral care desired to be a teacher among our Indians. The coincidence seemed rather extraordinary.

I have written to Mr Cone, requesting him to address you directly, & give you information in regard to the lady (Miss Spicer) in the expectation that you would tell him just what you wanted. I think that a correspondence between you & him (or Miss S.) will be more likely to have a safe & reliable issue than if I were to conduct it. You know better what will suit you than I do.

Our receipts look a little better. But we are not clear of the breakers yet. We have a great deal of money to collect between this & Aug. 1.

Kind regards to Mrs. W. your family & fellow laborers.

As ever very fraternally
yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 2. 1860

Rev Messrs Kingsbury
Byington
Hotchkin
Copeland
Stark
Edwards

Dear Brethren:

Your letter of Feb. 16 has been laid before the Prud. Comee & your request is granted in the usual form. You are, therefore, released, with your wives, from your connection with the A.B.C.F.M.

I need not assure you, that all the members of the Comee entertain the kindest feelings towards you. During the correspondence of the last few years, — though they have felt constrained to take a course which you regretted, — they have not lost one jot or tittle of their personal regard. They will ever look upon you with feelings which are known only to persons who share the oversight of missions, & who love strongly, fraternally, even when constrained to differ.

It is scarcely necessary that I speak of my personal feelings. My connection with the Indian mission I have been accustomed to regard as one of the misfortunes of my life, inasmuch as it has involved me in unpleasant relations to our mission. If I could have had "my own way" I should have never given you any trouble in this matter. "But it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." — I feel this more & more.

And now it is quite possible that I shall be constrained to take a new position, much against my wishes. The Com'ee are anxious that I should occupy the post which Dr Pomroy filled. This is not my plan. I have made a proposition which would give me a field of effort, more congenial, & a more productive (it seems to me) of good for the miss'y work; but they still desire to give me the Home Department. I see very clearly, therefore, that I must either surrender my cherished plan, or go against the judgment & wishes of men whom I greatly honor & respect, & who know the wants of our work better than any person can know them outside of the Miss. House. You will readily see that I am greatly burdened & perplexed.

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Our financial prospects are slightly improved. We see the indications of a deeper interest in our operations; but how we are to close the year is still an unsolved problem. We have certain plans, some or all of which we may try to execute; but "what shall be on the 1st Aug." it is not safe to predict. I have been hopeful all along; & I am still hopeful. But we have a large sum to raise in four months.

Not doubting that we shall have your sympathy & your prayers, in our joys & our sorrows, I am, as ever,

Most fraternally

Yours, in the

common work

S. B. Treat

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

[illegible] momentary hesitation. But [illegible] actually connected with the question [illegible] it became a delicate question for us to act in the matter [illegible] the letter to the Board [illegible] to confer with Mr Wilson. I presume that you will have heard from the letter before this time. [illegible]

I reciprocate most cordially all the expressions of kindness contained in your letter. You will see my communication to the "six brethren", who have asked for a release. I need not repeat what I have said there. Kindest regards to [illegible] Yours [illegible]

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 2. 1860.

Rev. O. P. Stark
Choctaws.—

My Dear Brother.

Your letter of 20th Feb. has been laid before the Prudential Committee. They have voted you the $150 which you request. You are at liberty to draw on Mr Gordon for that sum.

I felt a little embarrassed by the letter of Mr S. Head. There being no change in your relations to the Com^ee, they would have acceded to their wishes, without a moment's hesitation. But as you were actually connected with another body, it became a delicate question for us to act in the matter. I, therefore, sent Mr S's letter to Mr Wood, & requested him to confer with Mr Wilson. I presume that you will have heard from the latter before this time.

I reciprocate most cordially all the expressions of kindness contained in your letter. You will doubtless communicate to the "six brethren", who have voted for a release. I need not repeat what I have said there. Kindest regards to Mrs S. Yours truly
S. B. Treat

Miss House Boston
April 2. 1860

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaws. —

Dear Brother

Yours of Feb. 17 I have this rec'd. Herewith I send a letter to the "Six brethren", apprising them of their release from their connection with us.

To you personally I desire to express my very high regard — rather, my most affectionate regard. My acquaintance with you, my rides through the land of the Choctaws ~~[illegible]~~ in your company, our conversations respecting the interests of the mission, are all strongly impressed upon me. Our last night in Texas, our parting on that rainy morning, I shall never forget them! May the blessing of our Great Master be upon you to the end!

Please to assure Mrs. K. of my affectionate regard for her. I pray that her latter days may be peaceful & happy.

I am, as ever,
Most truly & most fraternally
Yr
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
April 3. 1860.

Rev. S. Rockwood
Tuscarora.

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 31st I have rec'd. The resignation I had communicated to the Com. ere the step was taken. Perhaps the best way, all things considered, is for that resignation to remain in their hands, without immediate action. You will, of course, go forward & labor, as you have done, saying to any who may ask questions, that the Com. at Boston have the matter in hand, & you leave it there. You are ready to depart, when they say the word. This makes your position independent, among the Indians; & you may see quite a change of sentiments, & far better prospects, than you can now see, at no distant day. Kind regards to family.

Very fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

April 4. 1861

Rev. N. H. Pierce
Alleghany. NY

Dear Brother

Your letter of March 16 I laid before our Comee yesterday. They have granted you $50 towards expenses, & $30 for outfit. Mr Gordon wishes you to realize the $50 from the claim which he has for property sold. On this point he has written to you.

According to your statements, Mr Potter has made "cleaner work", in the removal of furniture, &c. than I anticipated. It should be said, however, that he abated $500 from the sum which he asked originally. The Comee were influenced, in making their grant, by the fact that he had expended a considerable sum from his own means.

I am glad to hear that you have been duly set apart to the work of the ministry. It is a good work. But the pleasure of it & the value of it, depend much upon the spirit with which it is performed. The Lord give you his ~~[illegible]~~ special, benedictions! May the Spirit rest upon you with its own quickening power!

Very fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 10 186.

Miss Lizzie Calkins
Milwaukee, Wis

Dear Miss C.

Your letter of March 19 to Dr Anderson he has placed in my hands for a reply.

The only place that I can think of in connection with your offer of service as a teacher is among the Ojibwas. Mr. Wheeler has written for a female, who will impart instruction to the Indian children at Odanah. He may be in correspondence with another lady, residing in Ohio; but the result, of course, would be uncertain.

Should you be willing to join the mission at Odanah, Wisconsin, near Lake Superior, please to write to Rev. L. H. Wheeler. Mr & Mrs W. are most excellent people. Very sincerely, Yrs

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
April 10 1860.

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwas.

Dear Brother

Since my letter of the 2 which you will have recd. a letter has come into my hands from Miss Lizzie Calkins of Milwaukee, in which she professes herself ready to become a teacher under the direction of the Board. I do not know the extent of her qualifications. She has been an assistant teacher for two years, I learn from her communication; she spells "need" with a superfluous k; thus "kneed". In other respects there is nothing in her letter to excite any suspicion as to the reality of her qualifications.

Not knowing what may come of your correspondence with Mr Cone, I have written to Miss C. asking her to communicate with you, in case she is willing to join you in your Mission. If Miss Spear proves to be a suitable person in all respects, and she is ready to go to Odanah, you will need nothing more. If you are disappointed in either particular, something may come of Miss Calkins, though she is a little profuse in her employment of the alphabet.

Kind regards to all. Fraternally yr S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
April 10. 1860

Rev. S. L. Hobbs M.D.
Choctaws.

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 21st ult. requesting a release from your connection with the Board I have read to the Prud. Comee this afternoon.

On personal grounds, I should wish to retain you in your connection; but am inclined to think that you have acted wisely. Your influence & power for good among the Choctaws, I presume will be enhanced by your changed relation.

It is for this reason that I advised the Comee to assent to your request. They have done so, & you are no longer missionary of the A. B. C. F. M.

It gives me much pleasure to remember that our intercourse correspondence has been so pleasant from the beginning. Between you at Seneca, & us at the Miss. House, there has been no ripple of distrust or alienation. This is well. It is laid up with the treasures of the past. There let it remain.

We rejoice greatly in all the prosperity, which the Lord has granted unto you. May the blessing be increased a hundred fold! May your own souls be greatly enriched, even to the end of your pilgrimage! The end!! It is not far off. Then these changes, unpleasant now, will have lost their sting. We shall see Jesus as he is, & we shall be like him.

It will always give me pleasure to hear from you & Mrs. Wells. Please to assure her of my unfailing regard, as well as of my constant sympathy.

I am, as ever, most truly
fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 10 1860.

Rev. John Edwards
Choctaws.

Dear Brother.

Yours of the 23 ult. has been laid before the Com^ee. They are perfectly willing that the property at Wheelock, reported in your note, shall be used for the benefit of the Choctaws; they would, however, that it should be so disposed of by [illegible] to discharge the liabilities to which you refer, i.e., the [illegible] expenses of the Misses Lovell & Mr. Libby's family, as also Mr Cheland's debts.

I am authorized to make this proposal. If you will see that the Com^ee are discharged from these expenses, & the money due Mr C. is paid to Mr Gordon, I am willing to leave the property to dispose of as you shall prefer & think.

If you decline this proposal, will Mr. Libby accept it? Yours very truly

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
April 16. 1860

Rev. A. Wright

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 4th Inst. just rec'd. In reply thereto I have to say (1) that I have written no letter to you defining your duties to the Catt. Ch. while Mr G. shall be occupied with the Orphan Asylum. In mine of July 11 you will have noticed the sentence: "We expect you, meanwhile, to perform his duties." (2) I find in my letter book no copy of any letter to you from July 11, to Jan. 19: Mine of Jan. 19. 21 & Feb. 16. you have rec'd. These are all.

Your letters from [illegible] awaken some solicitude. I hope no trouble is to arise at Cattaraugus, in addition to what I have known heretofore. Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Private &
Confidential

Miss. House, Boston
April 12. 1860.

Rev. N. M. Pierce
Allegheny

Dear Brother

Yours of the 4th — was recd. This matter of "outfit" bears more heavily upon us than I expected. Let me ask if the burden cannot be lessened?

When Mr. P. asked for a release, he wished to carry away "every thing which" he should "need for the immediate use of his family". This desire of his was acceded to, on the part of the Comee. He had a right, therefore, to remove from the station what he needed for the immediate use of his family. This was the extent of his right in the premises. And I can hardly understand how there should be any great lack of articles for the new occupant.

Perhaps you had better confer with Mr. Potter on the subject; & after you have talked with him, you can write to me again

Very sincerely yrs

S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
April 13. 1860

Rev. [illegible] Jones
Alleghany

Dear Brother

I do not understand to what extent & on what ground Mr. H. has gone in the matter of removals & sales at his station. I have sent the accompanying letter, therefore, to show just what he asked, & just what the Comee granted.

Now if you find that he has gone much beyond his rights, you can introduce the subject, showing him my letter of April 12, herewith sent; & you can say that you are placed in an unpleasant dilemma; you need more property than we are to get; the Comee are reluctant to grant more; what is to be done. If he has taken too much, it is a fair question to address to him. If he is clearly in fault, you can press him with the matter.

Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 12. 1860

Mrs. Mary J. F. Jones
Doaksville Chn Nat.

Dear Madam

I have your note of March 23, & hasten to reply. We gave up the boarding school at Mt Hope about two years ago. The fact is stated in the Report for 1858.

We all agreed — the Comee, myself, Mr Rockwood & Miss Peck — that it was not expedient to continue it. Possibly we might have given different reasons. I felt that the good effected was below the expense. That was my governing motive.

Your opening a boarding school among the Choctaws would be no *intrusion* upon us. We have nothing to do with the schools.

I suppose that the buildings at Mt Hope are used for a day school. (I had not heard of Miss Peck's leaving.) There *might* be an objection to your having *that*.

The best way, perhaps, would be to write to Mr Rockwood, & ask him if the way is open for your return. He can give you all needed information. I write in great haste; excuse my brevity. Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

State House Boston
May 2. 1861

Col. H. Stewart Esq
New York City

Dear Sir

Yours of the 16th ult. rec'd during my absence from the city.

The "copy of the act as passed" is the same as the one which you sent to me in Feb. I thought there was some modification of the language, the word "adequately" having been introduced before "provided with seats". I sincerely hope that the change was made. Please to inform me how the matter stands.

Very respectfully
yours
S. P. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
May 20 1860

Rev. J. L. Wilson D.D.
New York City

My dear Sir

Yours of the 30th ult. I have recd. On the 9th of April I recd. a letter from Mr Edwards in regard to "the school property of the Board at his station." He estimated the movable property at $1000 & the rest at from $300 to $500, & inquired what we were willing to do with it. He had said that the Misses Lovell wished to return in July at our expense; & Mr Libby asked leave to draw upon the Board for a sum sufficient to take him & his family to their friends. Mr E. also said that a debt of nearly $100 (due Mr H. K. Copeland from the property) remained unpaid.

By the direction of the Prud. Comm.

I wrote to Mr E. saying that if he would see (1) that we were discharged from the claims of the Misses Lowell & Mr Libby for expenses, & (2) that the money due Mr Copeland was paid to Mrs Gordon, he (Mr E.) might have the property to dispose of as he should think proper. I also inquired, whether Mr Libby would accept the proposal, in case he (Mr E.) should decline it? I have heard nothing from him in reply.

In regard to the Stockbridge school, we have no claim upon the property which we are disposed to assert.

Very respectfully
Yrs
S. B. Treat

I am hard at work, trying to raise funds. We have a large [illegible] between this & Aug 1; but I am hopeful, at least for the present.

In regard to Mr Brooks' request, we should be pleased to have your opinion. The Com. instruct me to ask Mr. Hill to advise us. Kind regards to Mrs Hill & the children. Fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 15 1860

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaw.

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Miss. House, Boston
May 2, 186.

Rev. S. Hall,
Sauk Rapids, Min

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 6th ult. I have rec^d & read with great pleasure. I am glad to hear of you & yours, but sorry to know (or to be reminded rather, for I had heard of the sad event before) that such a blow has descended upon you. The Lord give you grace to profit by the sore trial.

I am hard at work, trying to raise funds. We have a large sum to be secured between this & Aug. 1; but I am hopeful, at least for the present.

In regard to Mr Breck's request, we should be pleased to have your opinion. The Com^ee instruct me to ask it. Will you advise us. Kind regards to Mrs Hall & the children. Fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 15 1860

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaws.

Dear Brother

Your letters of April 10 & April 26 have rec'd - & the latter I have today submitted to the Comee -

They cheerfully consent to pay the expenses of Miss Kendall on her return to the north, & you are authorized to draw on Mr Gordon for the amt -

I sincerely hope that your fears, in regard to the future of the Choctaws, will not be realized. I feel a strong desire that the power of the gospel in moulding the Indian character may be exemplified in our tribe at least. They are the best illustration of it up to the present time; & I should very deeply regret the loss which the chh. would suffer from their being swept away, so as to be no longer witnesses for the adaptation of the gospel to all classes of men.

I am very busy in trying to get money for our relief. Our prospects are better. I hope that we shall close the year without serious embarrassment. Kind regards to Mrs K. & all

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Aug. 15. 1860.

Rev. Thos. S. Williamson
Pittsburgh. Pa

Dear Brother,

Your favor of the 30th ult. which came to hand today, I have conferred with the Comee in regard to the employment of your son in the Dakota field.

The question of finance is relieved in part; & yet I think we shall be troubled to make our expenses the next year. Indeed, I feel more solicitous in regard to the coming year than I do in regard to the present. Now we have a strong pressure upon the debt; when it is removed, (as it will be to some extent, if we close the year free from serious debt,) there will be a re-action. That is what I dread.

Still the Comee think the fact that your son understands the Dakota is important, & should have a good deal of weight. It is not often that the son of a missionary among the Indians, speaking the native tongue, is willing to devote himself to their spiritual good. Hence they are inclined to look favorably upon his laboring in this field.

Suppose we put the question on this basis: If the testimonials are satisfactory, as I presume they will be, let an appointment be given to John. Let him enter upon his work unmarried, & see what the encouragement is. If at the end of 1, 2, or 3 years, it shall seem clear to him & to the mission that there is an open door, with fair prospects of usefulness, let him marry & consider himself as fairly settled. If he & you shall have doubts, of course, he will not wish to stay.

According to this plan no great expense is incurred, unless there shall be good reason for it. With such a reason the Com^{ee} will not hesitate to meet the outlay.

I am, as ever,

Very fraternally

yours

S. B. Treat

P. S. You can say to John that I have his letter, one from J. W. Andrews, one from Prof. Grant & Lacey. We need another from Lane as also evidence of chh membership.

Miss. House. Boston
May 19. 1860.

Prof. S. C. Bartlett
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother

Dr. Anderson & myself have been out of the city, in the hope of doing something to free the Board from debt. On coming home he has placed your letter of the 15th inst. in my hands, with the request that I will reply. I have time to say a few words only; these will relate to the Cherokee mission.

1. This mission assented to the Goodwater basis in 1855, (See Ann. Report for '55.) & has never withdrawn from it. This fact makes its position different from that of the Choctaw brethren.

2. We have three missionaries at Lee's Creek, Dwight, Park Hill, & have no expectation that we shall ever have more. All are reputed as antislavery men, both in the Cherokee nation, & out of it. Efforts have been made to secure their removal on this ground.

3. The number of slaveholders in the churches is constantly diminishing. I am not aware that any have been added for several years.

4. The church at Lee's Creek has no slaveholder. Connected with the church at Dwight are (?) a

one resident female slaveholder, who has had no practical connection therewith for ten years, & is not expected to have, at any time hereafter. (2) another female, the nominal owner of an aged colored woman, who is unable to take care of herself, & is, therefore, cared for by her mistress, knowing that she is free to go where & when she pleases. The chh at Park Hill has a few slaveholders (five or six, I suppose) in respect to whom I have not such definite information. All were admitted to Christian fellowship by our deceased brother, Rev. S. A. Worcester, who was always a firm friend of the black man as well as the red man. He assented cordially to the principles of the [illegible] basis.

5. The chhs are all congregational; & the slaves are regarded as on the same level as their masters. I have never heard of "negro pews" there.

6. The doctrine is distinctly ~~& frequently~~ announced, that the Bible gives no sanction to slavery.

7. Our withdrawal from the Cherokee Nation would greatly please proslavery men, both inside & outside of the same.

8. How long we shall remain in this field, is quite uncertain. Various causes are bearing upon the question.

I have given you a few facts, in the briefest form I could wish that, in any use which you may make of them, my name may be suppressed. Your statement will be less likely to produce disturbance among the Cherokees than mine.

Let me whisper in your ear, confidentially, the inquiry whether (1) it is best that Congregationalists, engaged in the miss. work, should "bite & devour one another". The antagonism of the A. M. A. unprovoked by us, seems to me to be alien from the spirit of the New Test. Why may not each institution be left to that course which it honestly believes to be right? (2) Is it wise for western Congregationalists to separate from their eastern brethren in this enterprise? What will they gain by it? Will they not rather lose?

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
May 22. 186.

Rev T. S. Williamson M.D
Pittsburg. Pa

Dear Brother

I have rec'd a letter from Dr. Allen this morning. This completes the testimonials which your son expected me to receive; but I think you had better say a few words in regard to his fitness for the work among the Indians, in addition to what may be inferred from yours of April 30. Of what chh. is he a member? We ought to have evidence of his being connected with some chh.

Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
May 23. 1860

Rev. N. H. Pierce
Allegheny. —

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 12th is before me. Yesterday I took the sentiment of the Comee on the points submitted therein. The result is as follows:

1. They grant you the $70, according to your request. It is not important that the amt go into the accounts of the next year. I have quite as much solicitude in regard to our receipts from Aug. 1 onward as before.

2. They authorize you to allow Daniel Jimeson 75 cts per day, as interpreter, if you think best. The Comee have no particular desire to pay chh. members for interpreting on the Sab. as they

this should be without price. If the time of an interpreter is taken on a week day, there is a propriety in his receiving a reasonable compensation.

3. You are authorized to paint the house, if you think that economy requires it. The cost may as well come into the next estimate.

I hope soon to hear some tidings of the work in your vicinity. What is the prospect? What is the state of the church? What influence has Mr Potter left behind him?

Who are the teachers near you? I have not learned who went with Mr. P. & who remained. I should be glad to know.

Kind regards to all.

Very sincerely yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
May 28 1860

John Tawse Esq
Edinburgh.

Dear Sir.

Your Comee in the United States have held another annual meeting, & I am to report their doings. The account of Dr Lord has been duly examined & approved, & I am authorized to draw on your treasurer for the amount expended by him during the year, viz. $517.90. The bill will reach you at an early day.

I will send herewith a copy of Dr Lords letter, & I have no doubt that it will give you very great satisfaction. The Comee passed a vote, expressive of the peculiar gratification which they have derived from these statements.

Mr Wright is still at his post among the Senecas, laboring with earnestness & fidelity for their highest good. These Indians continue to make decided advances in general improvement, & we rejoice in the belief that many of them have become heirs of the heavenly heritage.

I remain most respectfully yours &c

S. B. Treat. Sec. &c

Miss. House Boston
[illegible] Boston
May 29. 1867

Rev. N. Lord DD
Hanover N. H.

Rev. & dear Sir.

Our Comt. of the Soc. in Scotland for promoting Christian Knowledge have held their regular meeting & your account has been duly approved. Herewith I send $517.90 the amt of the bills which you have reported

Your letter gave the Comt. very great satisfaction, which they embodied in a resolution. A copy of the letter goes to Mr Laurie by the earliest mail.

I remain, very respectfully
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug 29. 1862.

Prof. S.C. Bartlett
Chicago Ill.

My Dear Bro,

In my letter of 19th I stated that I supposed the Ch at Park Hill to have 5 or 6 slaveholders. On reflection I think those figures must be too large. I should now say 3 or 4. And yet I am not sure.

Very truly yrs
S B Treat

Private & [illegible]
Confidential.

Miss. House Boston
June 15, 1860.

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca.

Dear Brother,

[illegible] Your letters of April 17 & June 9 came yesterday. It is for a wonder I am able to answer at once. I was ready, my dear brother, by reason of my frequent absence, [illegible] for some days at least. [illegible] in respect to the first I must say that I cannot give the history of the circular epistle. I do not [illegible] by any person other than the S.G. [illegible] if you [illegible] say any thing. [illegible] under date of June 3 I wrote to Mr. G. in respect to his relations to the ch., saying that I had supposed that whole arrangement for the Orphan Asylum be [illegible] of [illegible] possibility [illegible] its pastor. [illegible] Smith wrote to Mr. G. in reply to a letter from him Jan 30, in which I said the same thing substantially.

Now, it may be that Mr G. on receiving the second letter made the statement in regard to the impropriety of not sending some letter which he had not answered [illegible], but which Mrs. G. had thought it not wise to send.

Private & Confidential.

Miss. House Boston
June 15. 1860.

Rev. A. Wright
Senecas.

Dear Brother

Your letters of April 17 & June 7 came yesterday, & for a wonder I am able to answer at once. In most cases my letters, by reason of my frequent absences, are unnoticed for some days at least.

In reply to the first I must say that I cannot give the history of the "burnt epistle." I do not think that it was a letter addressed to you by any person other than the S. S. I should guess. If obliged to say any thing, the matter occurred in this wise. Under date of Jan 23 I wrote to Mr. G. in respect to his relations to the ch. saying that I had supposed that while acting as agent for the Orphan Asylum he would be relieved of responsibility as its pastor. Feb. 3 I wrote to Mrs. G. in reply to a letter from her Jan. 30. in which I said the same thing substantially.

Now it may be that Mr. G. on receiving the second letter made the statement in regard to the impropriety of not sending some letter which he had addressed to you. but what Mrs. G. had thought is not thus stated.

The [illegible] in your second letter, [illegible] unfolded [illegible] set forth your plans concerning the Seneca mission [illegible] of [illegible] very much. The Com^r. hasn't decided nothing. But I dare talk with the Col. somewhat more definitely about the probability of our work in your field; or I [illegible] might say things [illegible] to the [illegible] which [illegible] your [illegible] place for him. [illegible]

Stone thought it best that he should leave as you can understand how I ought to speak of things as possible in order to facilitate the [illegible]. He has professed to be more ready to retire in consequence of my declarations. [illegible] the facts. [illegible] said nothing about your leaving. Stone said that [illegible] might possibly take his place; but I have not consulted [illegible] the Com^r. & Stone has said he would be very reluctant to go to Catta-raugus. I will frankly add, that I wish he would stay, because I regard him as a good man for the place, & because there are ~~[illegible]~~ for the measures necessary, of the highest moment affecting other missions, [illegible] those of the Senecas. [illegible] To [illegible] our strong [illegible] be at [illegible] as they can be [illegible] this is strictly [illegible].

Your closing paragraph seems to imply that Mr P. & Mrs. P. were sent to the Senecas because of the exigencies of other fields. Now I don't remember [illegible] that was said; but there was no necessity laid upon us to send either there. Mr Hall desired an assistant; & I mentioned Mr P. as a good man for such a post, [illegible] I believed him, / & not because we wanted to make a place for him. We were under no obligation to Mr G. to find a situation for him. I thought he would do well; hence he was sent to Cattaraugus.

As to future plans. We do wish to reduce expenses in all directions. The necessity is laid upon us to economize in every possible way. But I have no clear opinion as to what is to be done on your Res. Possibly I am not sufficiently informed as to your plans & views. Do you suppose that in case Mr G. leaves you can do all that is needful? If you do, I should be glad to know it, as the case would become much easier of solution. But how, in that event, is the Orphan Asylum to be provided for. I have the impression that this has made, & may still make, large demands on your time. Am I right?

I will frankly admit that I have thought it possible, if it were not for the Asylum, that one man could do the work. What is your opinion?

I ought to say that the Seneca mission will probably pass out of my hands. Whether I leave the Home Department or not, which is not settled, I expect to give up the Indian missions. Indeed, I have given most of them into other hands.

Kind regards to Mrs. C. & all.

I write in great haste.

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

[illegible] Boston

[illegible] 16, 1860

[illegible], Kansas

[illegible] Brother,

In accordance with the request contained in yours of [illegible], from Boggs Depot, I [illegible] paper which you left with me June 20, 1859 [illegible] was made [illegible] dying, your brother [illegible]

I trust that you will not, by any statement that may be published, add to the difficulties we have, a pretty good store already, & we are not "out of the woods," especially in regard to the Cherokee mission. We find it somewhat inconvenient to stand "between two fires." [illegible]

I was surprised to receive a letter from you, dated "Boggs Depot." I am glad that you have escaped without harm & suffering. The Lord keep you & us, even to the end! Kind regards to Mrs C. & those with you.

Fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

June 18 1860

Mr J. D. Chamberlain
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Brother,

In accordance with the request contained in yours of May 2, from Boggy Depot, I send a copy of the paper which you left with me June 30. 1857. It was made by our clerk; hence it costs you nothing.

I sincerely hope you will not, by any statement that may be published, involve us in new difficulties. We have a pretty good share already; & we are not "out of the woods", especially in regard to the Cherokee mission. We find it somewhat inconvenient to stand "between two fires."

I was surprised to receive a letter from you, dated "Boggy Depot." I am glad that you have escaped without harm. May the Lord keep you & yours, even to the end! Kind regards to Mrs C. & those with you.

Fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

June 19 1860.

Rev G. Rockwood

Petrie N.Y.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of June 11 was rec'd & read before the Com^ee^ this afternoon. They assent to your request with a modification. Most of the Indian missions are transferred to Dr Anderson's care, among them, in order that I may devote myself to other things. He proposes to visit the Ojibwa mission after July 4th — & the Com^ee^ wish him to call & see you on his way thither. After he shall have made this visit, they consent to your making a visit to New England. You will lose the Brookfield celebration; but you will accomplish the other objects which you have in view. Dr. A. cannot go at an earlier day. Kindest regards to Mrs R. In great haste,

very truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 21. 1860.

Rev. L. Rockwood
Tuscarora. Dear Brother

I wrote two days ago in regard to your visit to C.W. Mr. A.M. Shaw had a conversation with Dr. Anderson; he thinks he had better not take the Indian mission. Hence he will not go to the Ojibwas. [illegible] will not see you at your home. You are at liberty, therefore, to make the visit to Walpole, as soon as you please.

Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 21, 1860

Mr. J. P. Williamson
Lane Seminary.

Dear Brother [illegible],

The testimonials in your case being complete, your offer of service was read to the Comm. at their last meeting; they have cordially appointed you a missionary of the Board, with a designation to the Dakota field.

It is our custom to request and expect our missionary candidates ~~[illegible]~~ before their appointment; but the Comm. make an exception in your case, as they have the [illegible] therefor of the mission which you are to join.

Still if you should wish to visit the Miss. House, you are at liberty to do so at our expense. It is not quite certain, however, when you would find us at home prior to September. If you come, you [illegible] advise us of the time when you will be here.

My letter to your father, May 15, which you will have seen, I doubt not, shows the idea of the Com. in regard to your engaging in other work among the Dakotas. If the Lord shall give you a fair prospect of usefulness, they will cheerfully sustain you. But if the field shall be unpromising, they will not wish to incur any great expense in the case. You can enter the field as a regular missionary of the Board, the event of your continuance therein to depend upon the openings which the Great Head of the church shall set before you. I hope, dear brother, that He will give you such a blessing as shall remove all question as to our duty in this matter. With earnest wishes for your success as a minister & a missionary, I subscribe myself

Very fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

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Missions House Boston
June 22. 1860

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca —

Dear Brother

In my letter of June 15 I intimated that the Seneca mission would probably pass out of my hands. Dr Anderson had offered to take all the Indian missions, & most were already transferred to him.

Since I wrote, he has come to the conclusion that he cannot take any more of this kind of labor. Hence the Senecas will not, I presume, go into his hands. Where they will go, I cannot say.

The Com^tt^ are anxious to have only two Secretaries at Boston. They also wish me to examine whether I shall consent to take the Home Department. It is not quite clear. And if I do, I shall have enough to do in obtaining funds for our work. But time will show what is to be done.

Kind regards to all

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 23. 1860.

Rev. Asher Wright
Seneca Mis. –

Dear Brother,

You know that we have had some money from the U. S. Govt. for education among the Indians, during many years. Mr Gordon says we have you [illegible] for the purpose. Therefore, that you send him vouchers for the money paid to the Orphan Asylum. [illegible] form. To prevent mistakes, I will send one:

James M. Gordon, Treas. of A.B.C.F.M. in account with Asher Wright Dr.

To support of Matron of ~~Orphan~~ ~~Asylum~~ School for Seneca Children, for quarter Jan 1. to April 1 1856. $25.

Rec'd of James M Gordon Treas. the above amount in full. $25.

Asher Wright
Miss. of A.B.C.F.M.
& Superintendent of School

Cattaraugus, April 1, 1856.

I find by our book of appropriations that we began to pay them $100 in 1856. You can make out vouchers to July 1, 1860. This will require some writing; but you can get that done.

Very truly, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 23. 1860

To the Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren

I have received from Dr Williamson a letter dated April 30, another dated May 26 at Pittsburgh, & one from Mr Riggs dated May 3. All relate to the appointment of J. P. Williamson as a missionary to the Dakotas.

I am happy to say that the Com^ee. have cheerfully made the appointment, of which he is duly apprised. In ordinary cases, the candidate is expected to visit the Miss. House before the appointment; but we make an exception in his case, inasmuch as he has the recommendation of the mission to which he is to belong. He is at liberty, however, to come to Boston, at our expense, if he chooses to do so.

We have said nothing as to the time when he shall commence his labors. He may enter upon his work as soon as he shall be ready therefor; we make no condition in this regard. As ever very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

I have no doubt that you will draw as little from our treasury, for these new places, as also for your other operations, as you conscientiously can; & I allude to the subject only to say that our prospects, financially, are not by any means encouraging. We shall raise $60,000 to pay off the debt of Aug. 1, 1861; that is clear beyond doubt; whether our ordinary receipts will equal the current expenses, is not clear, though I am hopeful. But next year is to try us sorely, I fear.

The truth is, our necessary expenses outrun the receipts in their ordinary flow. It is only by great effort that the two sides of the ledger can be made to correspond. Hence the difficulty of our position; hence my fears in regard to the future.

We shall cut down our home expenses, to some extent; we shall try to save money in other ways; but after all, I cannot tell what the future will disclose.

You will give me materials for the Annual Report, I trust. I hope they are on the way hither.

Affectionate regards to your families.

As ever very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
June 23. 1860.

Rev. S. L. Hobbs M.D.
Choctaw Nation

Dear Brother

Your favor of June 11 has just reached me. I am glad to hear from you, & especially to hear that you have so much to encourage you.

I send herewith a paper which, I suppose, will meet the case. We have given no formal papers to the other missionaries. They have said nothing on the subject; & we do not know just what might be needed. As we have no interest in the soil, I presume no deed can be of any use. Any declaration that our title is vested in the missionaries, strikes me as sufficient for the improvements, personal property, &c.

You will understand that this property is yours absolutely. It does not go to the Assembly's Board, unless you see fit to convey it. I hope you will keep it, & that it will be of some use to you.

Kindest regards to Mrs H. Fraternally yours
S B Treat

Whereas the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions resolved, on the 26th of July, 1859, to discontinue the Choctaw mission; and whereas said Committee, at the same time, voted to give to the members of the mission aforesaid the property of the said Board then in their possession & occupancy, except so much as might be in the boarding schools; & whereas Rev. Simon L. Hobbs, M.D. was at that time a missionary of said Board at Lenox, having the property of said Board at said station in his possession & occupancy;

Now, therefore, I certify & declare that in accordance with the resolve of said Committee, aforesaid, the said Hobbs has all the right title & interest of said Board in & to all the property of said Board at said Lenox, in the possession & occupancy of said Hobbs on the 26th of July 1859, to have & to hold to his own use & behoof & to the use & behoof of his heirs

Rev. L[illegible] Jackson, & the said Board has no further right title or interest in & to said property or any part thereof

Boston, Miss. House
June 23. 1860

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston,
June 23. 1860

Rev. [illegible]

Dear Brother,

I had supposed till two days ago that Dr. Anderson would take your mission into his department, & that he would visit you in July. He now informs me, however, that he does not think it wise to assume any other burdens; & so he will not make the visit.

I think I shall not be able to go so far from home this summer. The question of finances takes precedence of all others. There is a great deal to do, in order to our coming out tolerably well on the 1st of Aug. This consideration will probably detain me in these parts.

I hope you will send your report at an early day, so that I may have ample materials for the Annual Report.

You formerly obtained money rec'd from the U. S. Govt for the civilization of the Indians to your school. Can you do it now? Can you separate the cost of the day schools from the Boarding school, so far as [illegible]? Let me know your opinion. Kind regards to all.

Fraternally &c. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston.
June 23. 1860

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Odanah Wi.

Dear Brother.

I had supposed till two days ago that Dr. Anderson would take your mission into his department, & that he would visit you in July. He now informs me, however, that he does not think it wise to assume any other burdens; & so he will not make the visit.

I think I shall not be able to go so far from home this summer. The question of finances takes precedence of all others; & there is a great deal to do, in order to our coming out tolerably well on the 1st of Aug. This consideration will probably detain me in these parts.

I hope you will send your report at an early day, so that I may have ample materials for the Annual Report.

We formerly applied money rec^d from the U. S. Gov^t for the civilization of the Indians to our school. Can we do it now? Can we separate the cost of the day school from the Boarding school, & so Gov^t pay for it? Let me ~~know~~ your opinion. Kind regards to all.

Fraternally yours S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston
June 23. 1860

Mr. D. B. Spencer
Odanah, Wis.

Dear Brother

Yours of March I rec'd in April, after a long passage. I was happy to hear from you, & hope you will continue to write freely, giving your impressions, suggestions, &c, so that we may have the best idea possible of what is done, & what is needed.

I look with deep interest upon the boarding school at Odanah. If it fail, it will be a sad failure for the Indians, not very profitable for us. In fact, it would seem that the destiny of your Bad River Ojibwas is in some sort dependent on its success.

I have been at times afraid that the experiment might cost more than we could afford to pay. I hope not, however, and yet the question of finances is one that gives us much trouble. Our necessary expenses are far above the sums which the churches will give us, if only ordinary means are used. How we are coming out the present year, no one can tell. Much less can we foresee how we shall come out the next year. God intends to prove us, to see what is in us, as also in the chhs. It is evidently a time for heartsearching, for repentance, for self renunciation, on the part of all true believers. May we be found ready to part with all for Christ!

I am too busy to write at much length. You will excuse my brevity, because of the work which I have to do.

Kind regards to Mrs. P. & your associates

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Confidential

Miss. House. Boston

July 9. 1860 June 27. 1860

Rev. A. Wright Pierce

Seneca Allegany.

Dear Brother

Your favor of June 12 I received & I thank you for it. It "posts me up" pretty well in regard to matters on your Reservation.

[illegible] I hope you [illegible] the Pastors of the [illegible]. You have written me some items; but I shall need more for the Annual Report.

I earnestly hope that we shall [illegible] of the Lord's presence & power at Allegany, as also at Cattaraugus. Nothing else can save the Indians from utter destruction.

I had supposed till two days ago that Dr. Anderson would take the Seneca mission under his charge; but he informs me that he thinks it unwise for him to do so. Who will have the charge of them, I cannot say. Our arrangements are not complete for the future.

[illegible] Riddle [illegible] Pierce.

Fraternally

S. B. Treat

[illegible] what [illegible] ? Are you willing to take [illegible]

Prof. Torrey, [illegible]

good Christian character, [illegible]

fair [illegible]

know that he [illegible]

Indians [illegible]

place that [illegible]

I did not know that he would come to Cattaraugus

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engaged in the translation department. But if he should come, I think it would relieve the Seneca

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Miss. House Boston
July 9. 1860

Rev A Wright
Senecas. —

Dear Brother

Mrs Gleason has rec'd a call to go to Brooklyn. The question arises, What is to be done for Cattaraugus? Are you willing to take the entire responsibility of the work on the Reservation? Can you perform it? If you say, "yes", that will settle the question, I presume, tho' I have not conferred with the Com'ee —

If you answer "no", then I would ask, "Is there any objection to my writing to Mr Torrey, to see if he will come to Cattaraugus?" He is nephew to Prof Torrey, of Burlington, a worthy young man, of good Christian character, of decided missionary spirit, of fair talents & scholarship. As to his preaching power I only know that he did well before he went to the Indians; & we had hard work to get him away from a place that wished to detain him. I think highly of him.

I do not know that he would come to Cattaraugus willingly. He is much interested in the Cherokees, & is engaged in the translation department. But if he should come, I think it would relieve the strong question materially. We have 3 missionaries among the Cherokees, at Lee's Creek, Dwight, & Park Hill. At the first, there are no slaveholders in the church; at the second, there is one, a non resident for 10 years, & will be forever, neither [illegible] a slaveholder as would make us no trouble; at Park Hill, where Mr Torrey is, there are 9 or 10, I learn from a recent letter. None of the [illegible] Lee's Creek & Dwight under our care, there are fortunately quite freed from this trouble.

You may state objections to the plan of those not stated, which may come up, that we are "compassed about with "difficulties." The Choctaw Mission has awakened the thought (if that there is a strong "antislavery party) who do not take patiently what they call "yielding to the Abolitionists," & would strongly disapprove of our giving up the Cherokee mission; & that certain persons will give us no peace, while we have the Cherokee mission in its present form. We have both, & shall have, much of this agitation. Our escape from it, is very desirable on many grounds.

Please to let me hear from you as soon as may be.

Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
July 9. 1860

To the Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren

Our financial prospects make it necessary for us to be uncommonly *exact*, as well as economical, in our calculations; & we may be obliged to submit some statement of our wants to the An'l meeting in Oct. I cannot predict with confidence how we are coming out on the 31st of July. Unless our receipts considerably exceed *those* of July '59, in the current month, we shall have a debt upon our hands, tho we shall have wiped off the old debt. In any event, we must be very careful as to future expenditures.

Now I should like to have you send me your estimates for 1861 as soon as you can. You can indicate the indispensables, the very desirables, & the desirables, if you choose to do so, in order that we may know just what the case is. I think it not unlikely that we shall make our appropriations on what we consider a *safe basis*, with an *addendum* that if we have the prospect of sufficient means, we will [illegible] have other [illegible], without [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible] absolutely [illegible] [illegible] may promise [illegible] if we shall be able to do so.

[illegible] The truth is our appropriations [illegible] are beyond the ability of the Board, or [illegible] beyond the capacity of the [illegible]. Our [illegible] [illegible] also exposed to much [illegible] that the treasury cannot keep pace with [illegible] [illegible] a hard year is almost certain, perhaps [illegible] will be as trying as 1859-60. After that [illegible] we shall rest on firmer foundation

Very fraternally

[illegible]

S. B. Treat

P.S. [illegible] will send me the [illegible] for the [illegible] Missionary Herald? I don't [illegible] [illegible] already done so. I presume, however, [illegible] is needless

Miss. House, Boston,
July 9. 1860.

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwas. —

Dear Brother.

Our finances still trouble us. It will be very difficult for us to close the year without a debt. And whether we do this or not, we have a hard task for the coming year.

I think it very likely that we may be obliged to ~~make~~ submit to the annual meeting a statement of our means, with the calculations which we have made; in which case you will see that we ought to be exact. I write, therefore, to ask you to send us estimates for 1861, so that we may be ready for any emergency. If you please, you may put down matters that are indis*pensable*; then such as may be called very *desirable*; also the simply desirable.

I am sorry that we are obliged to press so hard upon our missionaries; but there seems to be no help for it. If you feel it, *we* *more*. And I think that the end is not yet.

Kindest regards to Mrs. W. & all with you
Very truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss Home Boston
July 24. 1860

Rev L H Wheeler
Lowell Ms

Dear Bro:

Yours of even date I have just rec'd. I shall be happy to see you Friday. Thursday forenoon. I shall be at liberty & welcome.

Very truly
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 27. 1860.

Mek-kin-ü-ma
Osh-kin-ä-we
Mukudahenas
Wim-ä-kis
Wa-bun-e-ne-ke
Ma-kwum-e-we-gon

Brothers

Rev. Wheeler has shown me your letter to him, in which you speak of what the Catholic priest is doing; & he has shown me what he has written to you. All that he says is good.

We know a great deal about these Catholic priests. They make trouble every where. They love to go where other missionaries have gone. Why do they not go where no missionaries are? Why do they not make their own people better?

If you will ask about their people of those who know, they will tell you that God's word is not given to all. Their priests are afraid to have the holy book in every house. Why is this? Should not all men read what the Great God says? I know you will answer "Yes."

Now what you need to do is to keep in one

Miss. House Boston
July 27. 1860.

Meshinäwa
Osh-kin-ä-gwa
Mukudakenas
Wiin-ä-kis
Wa-bun-e-me-ke
Me-kwum-e-we-gon

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Now what you need to do is to keep in one maid, & give no encouragement to the priest. Encourage your children to go to school. Encourage all to go to church on the Sabbath. Try to make all your people industrious, sober, moral.

You are now doing much better than you were a few years ago. Keep on in the same way, & you will be glad. And I pray the Great & Good Spirit to make you his children forevermore!

I am your sincere friend
& brother,

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston

Aug 4. 1860

Miss Hattie A Dada

Fulton. Oswego Co NY

Dear Miss Dada

Your of the 28 — yesterday, having been out of town several days. I am glad to hear of your safe return, & of your interest in us.

According to strict rule, I suppose you may be considered as under our care, though we have no Choctaw mission. The case is somewhat anomalous. I shall be happy to hear from you at any time as to your plans, wishes &c.

I send herewith a check for $36.25, which your friends will "cash" for you.

Very truly

yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston

Aug 7. 1860

Rev A. Wright

Seneca.

Dear Bro.

Rec'd — the package sent herewith [illegible] N.H. [illegible] contains articles, which have been donated to be sent to [illegible] for the orphan asylum. What cannot be used, I suppose, may be exchanged for other articles.

I think [illegible] I do not know [illegible] how you [illegible] not fare badly off [illegible] the [illegible]

Kind regards to all

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Aug. 7. 1860.

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca.

Dear Br.

The papers sent herewith will explain themselves. N. H. Ho. has sent certain articles, which I have directed to be sent to you for the orphan asylum. What cannot be used, I suppose, may be exchanged for other articles.

Yours of the 27th ult. I have rec'd. I thank you for it.

We do not know just how our finances stand as yet. But we are not very "badly off," as the saying is.

Kind regards to all.

Fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Aug. 11. 1860

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscarora.

Dear Brother

Yours of Aug. 3 with the an^l report is before me. In reply to your enquiry, what can I expect from the Board, I am not able to answer without knowing more of the case. We have no rules which prescribe definite sums. In some cases we give nothing at all. In others we grant moderate sums, $200, $300. In others still we give larger amounts. The Com^ee in view of all the circumstances, endeavor to do what is reasonable. That is the only rule which we have.

We paid Mr. Potter a sum which, we felt, was quite large, viz $1000. But he stated that he had expended from his own funds $1000, which the Board might have been called upon to pay; so that was an important element in the case. In another instance the Com^ee made a larger allowance for a similar reason. I think it will be well for you to write us, stating what are your pecuniary circum=

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[illegible] of the plan. will [illegible] [illegible] what [illegible] can
do. presume the Com. would surrender the place

What is best course for this station? I think we should we could make some proper arrangement for the work, to be conducted, if [illegible] all further expense. Is there no plan which is practicable, looking in this direction? We shall be obliged to cut down our appropriations next fall. Ought we to look from Turkey enough to support a mission family, that we may carry forward our operations among your Indians? This is the practical question. It comes to just this.

If the Indians would do something handsome, the Home Miss. Soc. would take our work from our hands. If they will not do any thing to any amount, ought we to go on indefinitely, expending so much?

Suppose we were to retire from your field, making no preparation for the continuance of the work? Would the Baptists occupy the ground? If so, what would be the effect? Would the Methodists take our place; if so, what would be the effect?

What is the value of our property at this station?

If we retire, what should be done with it? Could some good plan be devised for continuing our labors I presume the Comee would surrender the place as a parsonage. Would it sell readily? For how much

I hope you will write something. We are anxious to make all possible reductions as soon as you can.

Very respectfully
yr
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston.
Aug. 14. 186[illegible]

Rev. A. Gleason
Seneca.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of the 9th [illegible] with the reply of the "Brooklyn Com". I have received. The "Reply" I now return. I am a little surprised by the tone of the document, because I found that the salary was the $400. I thought it a small sum, unless it was to be supplemented in some way. It would now seem that the place was to give only support in any case.

Mr. Judson appeared to be very anxious that you should go to Brooklyn, and I supposed that he would see that you had a proper allowance for your family. I have heard nothing from him of late, hence; whether he offered the salary or further I am ignorant.

I read the report from your Reservation; perhaps I may make note in my Ann. Report. Thanks for giving me the needful facts, and the gift to the Mission.

Bro. Rockwood proposes to leave the [illegible] in a few months. Have you any opinion as to what should be done there? Is there any way in which we can close work? We need all the relief we can get [illegible] we shall be obliged to reduce our expenditures. If you or Mr. Wright can give me any wisdom in regard to this matter I shall be much obliged [illegible]

Our Treasury [illegible] stated, has not as yet a penny, & do not know just how we stand. But our position is not a bad one. The [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible] will [illegible] you are obliged to work out the end of report in the [illegible] S. B. Treat not many [illegible] times, & I [illegible] better [illegible] than [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] ing how many [illegible] there are, how many added by profession within a year, & other changes. Any facts of interest I should be glad to receive. Kind regards to [illegible]

Affectionately yr

S. B. Treat

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Miss. [illegible] Bradley,
Aug 14th 1860.

Rev. M. H. [illegible]
Allegheny, Mo. Dear Bro.

Dear Brother I sent the proofs of [illegible] I shall [illegible] am obliged to make out the ann. report on the [illegible] question, in not many days hence, & I will do it not fully [illegible] that question, Please of June 1/2 [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] say how many church-members there are, how many added by profession within a year, & other changes. Any facts of interest I should be glad to receive. Recd yours [illegible]

Fraternally Yrs
S. B. Sears

Miss. House, Boston,
Aug 15. 1860.

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Lowell Mo

Dear Bro.

I sent the proofs to Lowell some days ago, care [illegible] Wood.

I did expect to go away on ~~Thursday~~ Friday; but I will wait till I see you. Come tomorrow, Thursday, if you can; if not, Friday.

Very truly

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Aug. 18. 1860.

Rev P. P. Osunkhirhine
St Croix. Can. West

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 3rd Aug. I have rec'd. We have many claims for aid at the present time; but I have obtained $13 for you, which I send herewith. This will enable you to get the articles at Collingwood.

The suffering Christians of Syria are calling loudly on us, & Boston is about to send them some assistance. I fear that all which will be done, will be insufficient.

I trust the Lord is blessing you in spiritual things, even if you have not the temporal prosperity which you desire.

Very fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug 21, 1860.

Miss H. W. Spencer
Ellsworth. O.

Dear Miss Spencer.

Mr Wheeler called upon ~~me~~ some time since; & we had more or less conversation in regard to your going to Oroomiah. I favored your joining the mission, provided Mr. Wheeler should be satisfied. I supposed that he would have further correspondence with you or Mr Cone; but owing to ill health, I presume, it seems that he has not written to either of you.

Yesterday I rec'd a letter from him, in which he desires your appointment, & to day the Com^ee have acted on the case. They have duly appointed you an assistant missionary of the A.B.C.F.M. As I am to leave for

New York in a few moments. I have only time to express the hope & the belief that the Lord will add his blessing. With his favor & presence you may be sure of light & joy & peace.

Rev L. H. Wheeler says that you will need nothing, except in the form of clothing, unless you shall choose to take furniture of your own. Your room will be furnished. If you can go up in the North Star, Sept. 6. from Cleveland, he will hope to accompany you; also to see you first at your house. The next boat will leave on Sept. 18.

If you cannot make all the preparation which you desire, you can have articles follow you. You can send back from Odanah, moreover, during the autumn; or you can have goods forwarded in the early spring.

Your expenses to Odanah, freight incl., will be paid by the Board.

In very great haste, I am most
Truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston.

Aug 28. 1860

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Lowell Ms. Dear Bro.

The Com^ee have appointed Miss Spear today; I have just written to her, according to your wishes.

I leave the Miss. House this P.M. to be absent in New York a few days. I hope to be at home next Monday, & just before; but I cannot say how much time my business will require.

Mr Marsh has corrected the proof, & will strike off what you would, after you shall have seen him.

Fraternally yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Aug 29. 1860

Rev G. Rockwood
Tuscarora

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Aug 25. I read to the Comee yesterday & they conclude, with a little reluctance, to allow the $1000 which you ask. The sum is large, as our friends & patrons will be apt to think; still I suppose you will need the whole. They will call half of the sum "money refunded".

Is there any way in which the call upon the Treasury can be modified? Perhaps you can think of something which will meet your views, & yet save the appearance of so large a grant. Suppose we allow you a salary to Aug. 1 1860 how much would you then need!

I am quite anxious to hear about

the other topics. Can we close our labors among the Nez Perces? If we do, what shall be done with the property? These subjects, the first especially, press upon us just at this time. We wish to reduce our expenses as much as possible before the next meeting, as preparatory to some statements in regard to our plans, wants, &c. We wish to show that we are cutting down our disbursements, in sundry ways, in order to a more effective appeal.

If you can think of any plan for a proper closing up of our work in your field, please to apprise me of it at once. It will aid us very materially.

Kind regards to Mrs. K.

Fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug 24, 1860

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Allensville Ind.

Dear Brother

I have your letter of Aug 14; as I must leave the Miss. House in a few moments, my reply will be brief. My opinion however, is not hasty.

In the circumstances I think it better that you should follow the advice of Mr Riggs & your father. You have given yourself to the Dakota work; that, as it seems to me, has the first claim upon you.

Again. As you are designated to that mission, you are in some sort under its direction. The majority governs in all our missions; so it should be among the Dakotas.

The reasoning which would keep you in Indiana, might keep you away from the Indians indefinitely. Suppose the plan, now addressed to you, is renewed next year with greater urgency. Would you, in that case, be obliged to stay?

But I have not time to enlarge. I should be very sorry to argue against the opinion of your father & mother. Keep me [illegible] [illegible]

Very fraternally

S. B. Treat

Rev L. D. Webster
Cleveland O.

Dear Brother

[illegible] with [illegible] after [illegible] I shall be glad to know it, that I may insert his name in the annual report. Please to drop me a line [illegible] a word will be enough. [illegible] Chapin sent the Ojibwa [illegible] yesterday. [illegible] 12 copies of the Miss. Hera[illegible]

Can you send me the Christian name of Miss Spencer, i.e. her name [illegible] do not know it.

Very truly & fraternally

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 4 1860

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Cleveland. O.

Dear Brother

If Miss Spencer goes up *with* you, or *after* you, I should be glad to know it, that I may insert her name in the annual report. Please to drop me a line, if she goes with you. A word will be enough.

Mr Chapin sent the Ojibwa, printed by Mr Marvin, yesterday. I trust you will have recd it in due order. We have some 12 copies at the Miss. House.

Can you send me the Christian name of Miss Spencer, i.e. her name in full. I do not know it.

Very truly & fraternally
Y.

S. B. Treat

[illegible]

Sept. 1. 186[illegible]

[illegible] Wright

[illegible] — Dear Sir

Yesterday I [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] your [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] down. [illegible]

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[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]

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[illegible] [illegible] any body. [illegible]

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of a [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] at my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Miss. House, Bost.
Sept. 6. 1860

Rev. W. Willey
Cher. Mission

Dear Brother

I have just rec'd your note of Aug. 23 requesting the "papers relating to the property conveyed to Mr Palmer." I send herewith a certified copy of the minute of the Prud. Com. adopted in consequence of your suggestion. This, I suppose, is all that you desire.

Kindest regards to Mrs Willey.

Very fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 7, 1860

To the Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren:

I have to acknowledge letters from Mr Riggs, July 3, (the report of the mission) of July 11 & 28, a sermon of Mr Riggs, & a letter from Dr Williamson, July 20. I have rec'd the "Blade" also.

I have read all with deep interest. The account of the jubilee has given me much satisfaction. The documents pertaining to it I placed in the hands of the editor, requesting him to say as much concerning it as he well could. I refer to the jubilee in the anl Report. Several points are [illegible] in your letters, to which I will refer.

I do not think that the Episcopal movement should prevent John Williamson's going forward. If he is what I suppose him to be, with his knowledge of the Dakota, he will take care of himself. Indian boarding schools are so difficult to manage, I am willing that any body should embark in the business, who has a taste for it.

I have no idea of writing to the Episcopal Board [illegible] missionary. It would not do the least good.

with the best of them it would be hard to accomplish any thing, for they occupy a peculiar & peculiarly exclusive position, & we often find, that "Domestic Missions" are only the hands of the High Ch'h party who care but very little for us or our work. Besides, the Bishops are almost supreme in their dioceses, & there is not the least probability that any check should be placed on the Bp of Minnesota.

2. What I have said in regard to Johns marriage I withdraw. I do not believe in the celibacy of the clergy, but on economical grounds I thought a little delay might be wise. Our finances have improved somewhat, & now all that I want is, that we should be satisfied that there is good reason to hope that something may be effected in the field which he proposes to occupy. As soon as this question is fairly settled, let him marry, if he wishes to do so.

3. I rejoice that Miss Ackley has been in the domestic department for some time. How does she fill such a place? Would she be willing to keep it? How does she succeed as a teacher? I supposed that she was not to stay beyond two years. If she does well, of course I should be glad to have her remain indefinitely. That a boarding school

into favor especially in the early stage of its work, a good degree of ease and efficiency. I trust you will see that there is no defect here. In other respects I suppose you are in a very good condition, & have fair prospect of usefulness.

In case of a vacancy in the teaching department, how would Miss Mary K. Spooner do? She has given good satisfaction at Lees Creek I believe, & it is possible that she may leave, as I think the Choc. mission will be discontinued at no distant day. But I don't know whether she is qualified for your post.

4. We close the year, I presume, with a deficit, tho' Mr Gordon has not stated his accounts. We have been obliged to work for this result; but that is of no consequence now.

Next year we expect a long & dead pull. We shall probably appropriate less than we have allowed for 2 or 3 years past, say $350.000, but it will be no child's play to secure so much. Even the return of prosperity will do less for us than many expect; for men who are doing well, after a long time, wish to make up their losses. "Besides, money was never worth so much to use as it is now." "We can't afford to give it away." So multitudes have reasoned, as we have found in past years.

Please to assure all associated with you of my continued interest & affectionate regard

Yours fraternally

[illegible]

Your brother

J. F. B. Keay

Mission House, Boston

Sept. 8, 1866

[illegible] Chamberlain,
[illegible], Kansas.

Dear Brother:

Your favor of
the 13th inst. has reached me; & at our last
Com. meeting I submitted your proposal; whereupon
the Treasurer was authorized to deposit
[illegible] in the Worcester Bank, in accordance
with your request, & certificate of deposit
will be sent to A. C. [illegible] & Co., [illegible],
Kansas, without delay.

It is usual for those who have rec'd approval
[illegible] from the Board to ask for a
[illegible]. [illegible] C. had [illegible] of
instrument, I [illegible] suggest that all [illegible]
[illegible] correspondence with us be in the ordinary
way.

I have had a visit from Dr. [illegible] within
a few days. He is quite well. [illegible]
[illegible] & child at Fayetteville, Ark., [illegible]
them at once. He seems to be happy in his
[illegible], keeping out of [illegible] of what is going on
at the other stations.

I think we shall finish our work among the Cherokees in a very short time. The matter is not absolutely settled; but we have had a conference on the subject, & I feel pretty sure of the final result. The missionaries have not, by any means, pursued the course which the Choctaw brethren adopted, on the subject of slavery. Still the mission can never accomplish much, the parts opposing, owing to denominational rivalry, slaveholding jealousy, &c &c. Besides, we cannot carry forward our operations on the larger & more promising fields, without some reduction, in order to keep out of debt hereafter, (which we regard as almost a necessity,) if we propose to reduce our appropriation to $150,000. How shall it be done? is a great question.

Prof. Bartlett, of Chicago, has written to me in regard to some plan of publication thro' the Cong. Herald, stating briefly what you propose to do. I am glad that you have selected him, in preference to others that I could name; because he is a tried friend of the Board, while he is thoroughly antislavery. I replied to him that I had no knowledge of any buying of slaves, except from his statement, among the Choctaws [illegible] have been references in your letters, since the discontinuance of the mission, which I now connect with the burning, but which I did not understand when I read them. And you will remember that you requested me to ask no questions.

I do not precisely comprehend your aim, in having questions addressed to us. Do you deem it important, as the answer must be in the negative? Or is it your wish to have us affirm free from all complicity in the matter? If that last is your purpose, suppose you make your own statement in the first instance, saying, that the facts were not known at the Mission House, till after the mission had been discontinued.

If we are able to announce our separation from Slavery at the next Ann. Meeting, as I expect, I should be very sorry to have any thing come upon us from the Choctaw Country, to give us trouble. I suggested to Prof. H. the desirableness of postponing the matter till after our meeting; I hope you will consent to this.

If you still think it important to have questions addressed to you, will you not have the goodness to indicate just what you want? It would seem to be desirable, for many reasons, that we (yours) should not have any misunderstanding. Kind regards to all &c

Very sincerely yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 12th 1860

Messrs A. G. Procter & Co
Emporia, Kansas

Gent:

In accordance with the wish of Mr J. D. Chamberlain, $346.65 have been deposited to your credit in the Gloucester Bank, Mass, payable to you or order. The certificate of deposit I send herewith.

Very respectfully

S. B. Treat

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honestly & intelligently prepared.

Very respectfully &
sincerely yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 12. 1860.

John Tawse Esq
Edinburgh —

Dear Sir,

It gives me much pleasure to inclose herewith again the report of Mr. Wright, our excellent missionary at Cattaraugus. I feel sure that you will be gratified with his résumé for the past year; & believe his statements to be both honestly & intelligently prepared.

Very respectfully &
sincerely yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
Sept. 12. 1860

Rev. G. Rockwood [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] that reaches
Tuscarora [illegible] / our mission.

It [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that the [illegible] possible arrangement [illegible]. Yours favor of the 5th I have rec.d [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & much obliged to you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] are the [illegible] which [illegible] to have made clear. Yesterday I read [illegible] to the Pru. Com.ee [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] again. [illegible]

[illegible] The Com.ee think that they ought not to send another missionary to the Tuscaroras. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] people, yet [illegible] of the Miss. House.

1. Our object is to carry the gospel to those who have not heard it [illegible] that they ought to do for the [illegible] of the gospel. They have had a full & fair trial, & have not done as we had reason to expect.

to the claims which come upon us from [illegible]. Now we can have our legitimate work, are beyond our ability. We are perplexed & distressed as we listen to the cry that reaches us from [illegible] our missions.

II Still we have an earnest desire that the best possible arrangement should be made for the Ricarees. We are willing to do all that we can consistently, to put them into a good condition, to show our cordiality & sincerity in this regard. We are willing to surrender the place which you occupy, waiving all claim to it hereafter, in order to its becoming a parsonage. We will give up our interest in the boarding school establishment likewise. This offer is made upon the supposition that some plan is devised which shall seem reasonable & proper to the Ree Agcy.

That shall be done. It is very desirable that an arrangement be made for the people before you leave. If not so performed, no one can predict what will happen. I would suggest therefore, that you begin at once, & work steadily & patiently on till the just consummation, or the best practicable con=summation is effected.

It will be Suppose that you get the people together, & announce the visit of this Rev'd. Com'e. that wishes their offer in respect to the property. Suppose you do your best to persuade them to act. Let them see the desirableness of devising some plan, with your aid & superior wisdom. Let them feel that they have to come to an important stage of their history. They have been under the care of the Board hitherto; they have been minors. Now they are to become men, to act for themselves.

Here I would propose a question. Why, would it not be advisable for your ch. to join some ecclesiastical body, & have the benefit of its watch & care? Suppose it should the Cong'l. body or the Presbytery. Would there not be a gain to the Indians? Might they not receive aid in various ways? If they are inclined to take this course, you will need to help them, & perhaps, in carrying out the plan, &c.

Again, How are the chs in the vicinity in regard to pursuing the work of foreign missions among the Tuscaroras? Will it not be well for you [illegible] some of the ministers — Cong'l & Presbyt'n — & confer with them, stating our difficulty in going forward, & your opinion as to what the Tuscaroras can do?

It will be well, perhaps, to get their advice in the case, possibly before you meet the Indians in a body.

You will see that it is quite desirable that the [illegible] around [illegible] should [illegible] our course. I hope you will keep this point in mind, in all that you do.

My reason for writing about the salary was this. We wish to avoid the appearance of making the secretary's [illegible] much beyond [illegible], as far as possible. It is the best for us, & better for them. To pay $1000 will be thought quite generous, & perhaps ready to raise questions. Suppose now you take the books, furniture &c which you estimate at $120. Suppose we pay the salary to Aug 1, 1861. How much money will you need? Salary, $1000,
as I suppose. Deduct — say for [illegible], after you came 300
[illegible], &c. [illegible] you [illegible] here —
for books, furniture &c 120,
[illegible]
We have remaining 580.

We are getting ready for our jubilee, &c.

I should [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], are you willing to take the personal property into your possession? Are you willing to take the personal property to the boarding house? Or, should it be left there?

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 26. 1860

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Brother

Yours of the 18th I rec'd yesterday. I have but a moment to reply. You are at liberty to draw on the treasury for your expenses to the Dakota mission, & for such [illegible] as are clearly needful. At the [illegible] Agency you can make comfortable provision for the winter. This, I believe, is all that you desire.

I say nothing in regard to economy, as I suppose you are a true son of your father; he was always a law unto him-self.

We are getting ready for our public Annual meeting. An immense gathering is expected. May the Lord be with us, & with you also.

Very fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Oct. 27, 1860.

Rev. S. C. Bartlett,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir & Brother,

[illegible] I [illegible] this to reply to your of Oct. 22, addressed to the Secretaries of the Board, [illegible] I have all the information bearing upon your questions, which has been received at the Mission House.

The answer to your first inquiry is, that we received no information respecting the burning of slaves in the Choctaw nation, while the Choctaw mission was connected with the Board. I will add, moreover, that none of us had any

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House Boston Sept 26 1860

Rev J. P. Williamson
Walnut Hills O.

Dear Bro

I have just written to you & care of Dr Geo L Weed. I dispatch this note, lest you should fail to get information of the letter.

Very truly Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston.
Oct. 27. 1860.

Rev. S. C. Bartlett.
Chicago. Ill.

Dear Brother,

It devolves upon me to reply to your favor of Oct. 22. addressed to the Secretaries of the A. B. C. F. M., as I have all the information, bearing upon your questions, which has been received at the Missionary House.

My answer to your first inquiry is, that we received no information respecting the burning of slaves in the Choctaw nation, while the Choctaw mission was connected with the Board. I will add, moreover, that none of us had any suspicion that such a tragedy as you describe, could possibly occur.

My answer to your second inquiry, is anticipated. The statement in the Annual Report, p. 18, to which you ... however, ... had no ... letters from ... (this description dated Dec. 7, 1859.) which were un-

My answer to the third inquiry is, that in August 1860 I received a letter from Mr. C. D. Chamberlain, late of the Choctaw mission, in which he intimated that he might, at some future time, make a statement in connection with the burning of slaves on the first Sabbath in January, 1859. This first intimation which I received from any one "personally acquainted with the affairs of that mission," that such an event had occurred.

I ought to say, however, that I had received letters from Mr. Chamberlain, (the arliest dated Dec. 7, 1859.) which were unintelligible to me at the time, but which, as I now suppose, referred to this transaction. From a still earlier letter, (written May 2, 1859. after the Committee had decided to discontinue the mission, but before the formal resolution was passed,) I ~~found~~ inferred that Mr. C. felt somewhat embarrassed in his position; but I had no suspicion that his embarrassment grew out of any such matter.

Very respectfully yours,

S. B. Treat,
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. Hance [illegible] Boston
Rev. W. W. [illegible]

Dear Brother

You will have seen an extract from Mr. Cushing's report, read at Charlton, in which he reflected [illegible] in what strong was treated by the Board at Boston. I was greatly surprised. I confess my feelings of disappointment & regret does not diminish.

He used your name at Charlton in a way that made me sorry that I had not seen you after the last meeting. And I have thought it best to say a few words, in the hope that your mind may be relieved, in part at least.

In consequence of my interviews with you before the meeting, I resolved that you should be a [illegible] the time on the Cherokee mission, if I could properly bring it about, in order that the wishes of the Illinois brethren might have a fair chance for a public expression. Individually, I do not think that there was any occasion for such an expression. After the strong declarations made by the Board at Sandusky

Private

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 29. 1860.

Rev. W. A. Nichols
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother.

You will have seen an extract from Mr. Cushing's report, read at Charlton, in which he reflected upon the manner in which slavery was treated by the Board at Boston. I was greatly surprised, I confess; my feeling of disappointment & regret does not diminish.

He used your name at Charlton, in a way that made me sorry that I had not seen you after the Ann. meeting. And I have thought it best to say a few words, in the hope that your mind may be relieved, in part at least.

In consequence of my interview with you before the meeting, I resolved that you should be upon the Com. on the Cherokee mission, if I could properly bring it about, in order that the wishes of the Illinois brethren might have a fair chance for a public ex=pression. Individually, I do not think that there was any occasion for such an expression. After the strong declarations made by the Board at Sandusky tions, especially at Detroit, [illegible] Dr. Bacon's report was made a part of the minutes, it did not seem to me that we were called upon to say any thing more. I think, moreover, that a very strong argument can be made, upon the facts to which I have referred. Still I was willing, in view of the wishes of our western friends, that the Ch. Com. should cite some of the declarations already made, & then say that, because they stood upon the record, there was not occasion to say any thing more. I conferred with an anti-slavery man of a good deal of influence, on this very point; he agreed that this course might be taken, if the matter was urged, with perfect propriety; & I understood him to be in favor of it. He was upon the Com.ee with you.

I had something to do with the constitution of the com. by the request of the Rev. [illegible] The idea was that it should be a fair com.ee, not "packed" for any specific end, neither decidedly conservative nor decidedly radical. Dr. Beman was chairman, as he always has been chairman, when present, of the Society. He was chairman 12 years ago, when the first letter made such a stir; it seemed to be fitting that he should close the question. So far as it now appears to have been generally acceptable if the Con= gregational objection to its being in that place in former years of Judge Jessup, W. C. Gilman & Dr. Sabine &c. I have supposed to are "out & out" antislavery men, & as Mr Davis I presume is of the same ^manner family. Dr A. D. Smith you know, made a speech for the Boston Tract Soc. at the last anniversary, in which he reviewed the course of the N.Y. Soc. in not touching upon slavery in a very earnest fashion. I cannot well see how the Comee could be more fairly constituted.

I will say also that I supposed the Comee would make a report, in the way which I have indicated by citing passages, if the matter was urged upon them; & I may add that I expected to defend such a report, on the whole, for the reasons which I have stated. As a matter of conciliation I would have gone for it.

I have not heard what course the discussion took in your Comee. I know nothing, ^indeed, save what I heard from you. I inferred that you were satisfied, in view of all the circumstances, that it was best to let the matter pass with a general reference to past declarations. Mr Cushing intimated to Charlton that you found the Comee so constituted that you could do nothing. At least you protested against the exposition that was rendered after judgment. This was entirely new to me. [illegible]

There is one of the features of the case which gives me not a little pain. The Board is represented as persistently refusing ignoring the subject of slavery. The Brookfield report goes into any [illegible], it would the Congregationalist has published the extract to which he refers. It seems true that this is not the way to build up the kingdom of Christ. What did the Board do? It received a report which was supposed to be unanimous, upon which no discussion arose. Had one man who were present, & might have spoken, put forth the charge of persistently ignoring, a minority report would have brought it the question distinctly. A motion to refer back the report, with instructions to report a declaration, could have been made by any, however, member of the Brookfield [illegible] present, so the question would have come before the meeting. Nothing of the kind was done. I supposed that the report was unanimous, that it was satisfactory to the meeting, & never waked from that dream till I went to Charlton & found that the Board was charged with persistently ignoring the subject of slavery.

You may suppose that Mr Cushing refers also to the treatment of Mr Cheever. He did not adduce this case in his remarks, & I understood him to disavow any reference of the kind. It seems to me, moreover, that Mr. Cheever's case is a very simple one. Mr Cheever delivered himself to his perfect satisfaction at Philadelphia; his memorial was referred to the Prud. Com. The P. Com. referred it to Messrs Aiken & Child, without delay, who made the report which was read to the Board, & which, I presume, was regarded as satisfactory. (See Herald.) Now Mr. H. T. Cheever comes forward, & tries to get the subject up again, in utter disregard of the rules of order, & is arrested in his course.

Now I suppose that if a man introduces a resolution or proposes any action whatever, he must see that he conforms to the settled methods of doing business. Mr C. might have brought the question distinctly before the meeting, & made his speech; but he did not know how to do it. Shall the Board be blamed for this? He could have moved that the report on the Gaboon mission be referred back, with instructions to report what should be done in regard to the slave trade, &c, &c. Then the question must have come up.

But I have said much more than I intended at the outset. Our work ~~is~~ will be difficult enough, especially for the coming year, without any matter of the kind which I have considered. The meeting of the Board did not relieve any need ~~as~~ in respect to our financial prospects. The demands of our missions are beyond the liberality of our churches. It is a hard problem to bring them together. If, in addition to the necessary difficulty of our position, the Board is to be set down — east & west, as having "persistently ignored" the subject of slavery, I shall feel that my task, as Home Sec., is a pretty hard one.

Yours, as ever,

Very truly & fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

P.S. If you wish to show this letter to Prof. Bushnell I have no objection.

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 29. 1869

Rev S. C. Bartlett
Chicago Ill.

Dear Brother

I send herewith my answer to yours of the 22d. I suppose that my answer ~~to Mr C's~~ the 3d question will accord with Mr C's plain views. I suppose he means to appear that he did not keep utterly silent, on the subject of this outrage, till he left the Choctaw country.

The letters of May 2 & July 18 will do us no harm, if kept in confidence. I have no idea that Mr C. meant to involve us. In the letters which he wrote, from May 2d, & onward, he was clearly anxious that we should do nothing that would endanger him. Once he requested that we should ask no questions of any one. Even then I had no suspicion of this tragedy.

Since I wrote my answers, Mr. Chamberlain has called. For the first time, I learned the facts. The case is a sad one, beyond all doubt; & I presume it will make a stir when it is known.

You will see in the Congregationalist an ex=tract from the report presented to the Brookfield auxiliary, in which it is said that the Board "persistently ignored" the subject of slavery. I must say that this seems to me rather hard. I have sometimes thought of the 9th Commandment.

I have written to Mr Stickel in reference to this matter. He can tell you just what was my agency in the ~~matter~~ formation of the Com^ee on the Cherokee mission, on what principle it was constituted, &c. I have said a few words in regard to H. T. Cheever's endeavor to introduce the slave trade discussion. Should you have occasion to speak of that interlude, it may be well for you to know what I have written. The gist of it all is this: he was always out of order.

Very sincerely

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 30. 1860

Billy Printup
Wm Chew
David Harris
J. Mt Pleasant
Brothers

Your letter of Sept. 29. I recd. when I was extremely very busy; & since then I have been quite unwell.

I should be glad to visit you; I remember my conferences with your people with much pleasure. And now, especially, as our relations may change, it would give me great pleasure to talk with you & to aid you in respect to the future.

I have requested my associate Secretary, Rev Geo. W. Wood. D.D., to visit you in my stead. He is an excellent brother, has been himself an honored missionary at Singapore & Constantinople; & he will give due attention to your wishes & necessities.

I commend him to your fraternal regard, & pray you to welcome him even as you would receive me.

I am very fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Rev. G. H. [illegible]
[illegible]
my design [illegible]
should [illegible]
when this letter [illegible]
I have requested Mr [illegible]
N.Y. Sec. to visit [illegible]
this evening, & to see what [illegible]
bring about the best arrangement.
He will leave [illegible]
Wednesday Nov. 7. & [illegible]
& probably take the early train
from Albany, & reach Pekin
at the regular time. I hope you
will do all in your power to aid
him during his visit. Kind regards
to all. Fraternally &c
[illegible] Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 30 1860.

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscaroras.—

Dear Brother

As it is very desirable that the Tuscaroras should be put in a good position, when we retire from the field, I have requested Bro. Wood, our N.Y. Sec. to visit you & the Tuscaroras, & to do what he can to bring about the best arrangement.

He will leave New York Wednesday Nov. 7. at evening, & probably take the early train from Albany, & reach Pekin at the regular time. I hope you will do all in your power to aid him during his visit. Kind regards to Mrs R. & all. Fraternally yr

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 1. 186.

Miss C. A. Gaston
Knoxville Ill.

Dear Miss G.—

Yours of the 25th Oct. I have duly rec'd. I trust your hopes will be realized in regard to your health. Home & rest will doubtless do much for you. They are better for many than any medicine; such they will be for you, I desire & pray.

I send herewith a draft for $35.45 which you can sell, I doubt not. I thank you most cordially for the service which you have rendered in the Choctaw station. You have done something for the welfare of the Choctaws; & this, I cannot question, is well pleasing to the Master. The Stockbridge school has made its mark; & it will long be remembered. It was my hope that Mr. Chamberlain would be asked to remain longer at his post; but Providence has ordered it otherwise.

You refer to a future service. We have no vacancies for female teachers now; but we may have at no distant day. We have a boarding school among Dakotas; also one among the Ojibwas. These are all that remain to us in the Indian Department. It is possible that there may be an opening in one or both of these by the time you are ready to enter a new field.

I am, very respectfully,
& sincerely
Ys
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov 1. 1860

Mr J. D. Chamberlain
Chelsea. Kansas.

Dear Brother.

Yours of Oct. 15 I have rec'd & have remitted to Miss [illegible] the am't of her expenses. She expresses herself willing to labor in some other field. I wish to enquire of you whether (1) she has sufficient health, & (2) whether you can cordially & fully recommend her as a teacher. In case you do, we may have a place for her, as soon as she's restored to her usual health, supposing that there is no defect here.

I have replied to Mr. Bartletter questions. He added a P.S.- which required me to speak of your letter Aug. 13. I also referred to letters dated Dec. 1859 forward, as unintelligible to me at the time, but now I understood them as pointing to the tragedy in question. I also alluded to your letter of May 2. I suppose what I have said will accord with your wishes.

Since I wrote to Mr B., [illegible] called, in good health, & told me the story of the burning. It is a terrible affair. I think it will make a noise.

Very respectfully &c

S. B. Treat

Confidential.

Miss. House Boston
July 25. 1860.

Rev S. C. Bartlett
Chicago. Ill.

Dear Brother,

Your kind letter of May 28 was duly rec'd. I thought, when it came, that I would reply; but I have been obliged to make begging so much a business of late, that I have had but little time for anything else.

Yours of July 19 has just come to hand. I have three things to say in reference thereto. (1.) I should much prefer to have the matter in your hands, if it is to come out in the Herald. And I am not sure but that it may as well appear there as elsewhere. (2.) It would seem to me desirable, exceedingly, that no disclosure should take place till after the Com^e meeting. Mr C.'s statement can hardly get before the public till Sept. next before the meeting. I should very much prefer to have the subject coolly before one of our great gatherings. Perhaps Mr. C. will consent to postpone the matter for a little while. (3) If I am to answer the question which you send me, now or at any time, I shall give an unqualified negative.

I presume Mr. C. has no wish to embarrass us. My relations to him having always been pleasant; & so far as I know, he has approved the course that we have taken. Possibly he would have preferred a somewhat bolder policy; & yet I have no recollection of his intimating such a thing.

The Cherokee mission is relieving our attention; but we have decided nothing as yet. We have not the case which we had in dealing with the Choctaw mission. If we act upon grounds of exp=

pediency, there are cons as well as pros. The loss of the Choctaw mission has carried away from us more than it cost; & many have remained with us very hesitatingly, not to say reluctantly. But I hope that Providence will give us a safe deliverance, & one which the Master will sanction.

Your statement of the causes of the separation of the Choctaw mission is in strict accordance with my ideas. The letter, as it seems to me, is plain.

I am obliged to correct the statistics of Park Hill ch. (Lee's Creek & Dwight chs were right) By a recent letter, it appears that this ch. has 8 women & one man who have slaves. The man (I suppose) became such at the request of the slave, intending to let her work out her price. The women have inherited, I presume, by division of the estates of their parents.

Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston.
July 26. 1860.

Rev S. C. Bartlett
Chicago. Ill.

Dear Brother

Since I sent my yesterday's letter, it has occurred to me that you *might* forget to modify the questions, so as to exclude the information contained in some of the 27th. As these questions are presented by you, I could not answer them in the negative, because of *that* information; without a qualification which *might* be embarrassing to Mr Chamberlain. I had no knowledge of any burning till I read your letter.

Suppose you preface the questions by such remarks as you may think called for, & then say:

1. While the Choctaw mission was in

connection with the A.B.C.F.M. did you receive any information as to the burning of slaves in the Choctaw nation?

2. More specifically we would ask whether any communications which you may have received within the last two years, from persons connected at any time with the Choctaw mission, has apprised you of such an occurrence? If so, how many were burned, & on what charges? Did they plead guilty, or not?

3. Had the Prud. Com. any reference to facts of this description, when they said in their last report that they were "embarrassed by facts & considerations which they could not properly submit to the public eye?"

I must, however, express the hope that this matter will not come before the public till we have had our annual meeting.

Very fraternally yr

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 6. 1860

Rev. S. C. Bartlett
Chicago.

Dear Brother

Have just recd. a letter from Mr. Chamberlain in regd to the adjustment of his acct with us, in which he alludes to the burning of slaves on the first Sab. in Jany. without saying more on the subject.

Suppose, therefore, you modify the 2d question in my letter of July 26 so as to read: "More specifically, we would ask whether any communication, which you may have recd. from any member of the mission during its connection with the Board, has apprised you of such an occurrence? If so, how many were burned, & on what charge? Did they plead guilty or not?"

Very fraternally &c

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Nov 28 1866.

Rev A. Wright
Catt. Res.

Dear Bro.

Mr W. & myself had some conversation in regard to Mr Curtis. It has occurred to me to ask whether he would go to the Tuscaroras & see what he could do there.

Mr Rockwood leaves Jan 1. We propose to put the people on the Home Miss. plan. We will give our place as a parsonage. The Home Miss. Soc. will give $300. The Indians are abundantly able to give $200. Now would it not be well to try the experiment? They have just replied they would give $200 if they could build, [illegible]; but I think a good man would soon bring them up to the point of paying $200, perhaps more. After staying there a while, he might go elsewhere, and a good man is greatly needed to start the work of the [illegible]. Anything that you [illegible] that

Miss. House, Boston
Nov 28. 1860

Rev A Wright
&
Rev A. Gleason

Dear Brethren,

I feel constrained to say a few words in regard to our expenses on the Catt. Reservation. It has become but too apparent that we are to have a _hard_ year. I have strong fears that we shall incur another debt, do what we may. And even beyond this year, it seems to me that there is a good deal of uncertainty. The light that _some_ have seen, I have not seen, at least so as to have much confidence in regard to the future. It is very important, therefore, that we take in as much sail as we conveniently can.

I write to enquire whether something may not be done at Cattaraugus. It seems to me that we should _soon_ come upon the basis of _one_ family to be supported by the Board. And I wish you to consider how that can be done. I suppose the Orphan asylum will need some labor for a time; but cannot this institution take the support of its own agency?

I wish you to consider this matter, & confer with each other, & then give me the result of your wisdom. You may report jointly or singly, as you shall prefer. But let the matter have a thorough consideration.

I have not rec^d the estimates of your mission. Will they not be forthcoming at an early day?

Mr Pierce has written to me in regard to Jos. Pierce's debts. This is a new revelation, one that I regret very much. I have seen so much of this Indian slackness that I am somewhat anxious. The question has even occurred to me, "Is it best to retain him in our connection?" Our Com^e will have some unpleasant reminiscences, when his case shall come before them. What say you?

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 8. 1860

John Tawse Esq.
Edinburgh.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 20th I have just recd. Your note to Mr. Wright will be forwarded at once. I will also send Dr. Lord a copy of your remarks, so far as they relate to him & his report.

I have conferred with our Treasurer in regard to the drafts. I was not aware till now that you suffered any inconvenience from sight drafts. We hold our meetings, always, on our anniversary week (i.e. the week which embraces the last Wednesday of May.) The sum allowed Dr. Lord is paid by our Treas. at once, & he takes my draft on your Treas. which is sometimes in advance over one post, that you may get my letter before it reaches Edinburgh.

This draft, you will see, can be foreseen with considerable confidence. In respect to Mr Knight's drafts, there is more uncertainty.

Let me inquire whether drafts payable thirty days after sight will not obviate the difficulty which you suggest. I suppose some one can accept on sight, then you will have thirty days for payment.

Unless we hear to the contrary, I will draw in this way hereafter; & Mr Knight will do the same. I think you may expect a call from him, in a few days, for the sum that is payable up to this time. The draft, of course, will be thirty days after sight.

I am, Dear Sir,

Very respectfully

Y. o.

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 10. 1860

Rev. N. Lord D.D.
Hanover, N.H.

Dear Sir,

Last Saturday a letter from Mr Tause, acknowledging the receipt of two letters from me. I send an extract, as the best way of complying with his wishes in regard [illegible]. Mr. Tause's letter bears date Nov. 20, 1860.

[illegible] are, for ourselves, of any value

Very respectfully
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 13th 186

Rev. J. W. Moore
Oakland Grove
Prairie Co. Ark.

Dear Sir

Your letter of Nov. 8. sent to Dr Anderson is placed in my hands for a reply. I took the Indian Department of our work in '47, ~~eight~~ seven years after Mr Washburn left the service of the Board. Mr Greene, (the Indian Sec. previously,) retired from the Miss. House in '48. This will show that we (at the Miss. House) can give no personal reminiscences. But I send materials for your memoir as follows:

1. A number of Heralds that contain letters from Mr Washburn, all, I believe, of any value to you.

2. I send a memorandum of Mr. W. such as we are accustomed to ask & receive from those who engage in our service.

3. I send a copy of Mr W's letter, asking his release. This, I suppose, tells the whole story.

Mr W. was released by the Prudential

on the 2^d of June 1840. Whether we use the language of the resolution, "at his own request", he was "honorably released". Mr Greene says of him, "He was an approved missionary laborer."

I am not able to offer you any of his class notes, as I have no catalogue of V^t University. I would suggest that you write to Prof. Torrey, of the University; I presume he will give you what you ask, or induce some one else to address you.

Please let me have a copy of the proposed volume when done?

I am very respectfully
yours &c

S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
Jan 2 186[illegible]

Rev. A. H. Pierce
Allegany

Dear Brother

I have your two letters of Oct 2 & Nov 12. Not till yesterday has it been practicable to act on the appropriations for your mission; as it seemed to be inexpedient to take up the question of a special grant to Bro. Pierce before we had the minutes, with such comments as might attend them. The minutes did not reach me till Dec. 25.

The Com.ee have appropriated for the Allegany station according to the estimates, viz $920, $200 being for Bro. Pierce, $100 for interpreter, $50 for painting & repairs, $20 for sleigh & $550 for your family. The Com.ee declined to make any addition to the salaries at Catt.

I confess that the expenses of the mission seem to me to be too high; at any rate they seem to be beyond our ability. We are sadly in debt now; & even in favorable times we have the prospect of having greater demands made upon us than we are able to meet. I leave neither to the brethren attend

Coll. on this subject. The Comee think that we cannot long sustain two families in that field.

I am not at all sure that we can expend so much at Allegheny. The money that we have sent there, has not been very productive. Shall we keep from other parts of the world that which is yielding no better fruit as now employed? That is the practical question. I should be glad to hear your opinion on the case.

Now for Col. Pierce. I sympathize deeply with him in his embarrassments; so do the Comee. Mr Wright has written to me very kindly in regard to him. We regard him as a good Christian brother, & should be glad to help him; but we have recd since Augt, only *one half* of our expenses; & what we are to get hereafter, no one can tell. In these circumstances, the Comee are obliged to decline all *expense* save what is necessary.

In respect to his salary, I have supposed that it was a reasonable one for the amt of time which he gives us. If it is not, it should be increased, provided we employ him at all; or he should have more time for his private affairs. But we have all considered it reasonable, in the circumstances. Let me, inquire, however, whether he has purchased a Horse to do mission work. If he has, perhaps we might allow something towards its cost.

I hope you will explain this matter fully to him. We are in great perplexity. Whence all the money is to come from which we need, no mortal can declare.

Very respectfully
Yours
S. B. Treat

P. S. It is hardly necessary that I should say to you what the Com^ee wish to have said to all the missions, viz. Keep down your expenses as much as possible.

[illegible] "now" in such matters; but I am authorized [illegible] with a fairly large discretion.

1. If you could get a fair price for the Land, it would be better [illegible] the Com^ee would prefer.

[illegible] will leave the question with you.

In a word, what you consider to be really best, all things considered, you are authorized to do. Kind regards to all &c.

Very faithfully
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 2. 1861

Rev. A. Wright
Catt. Res.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 20th Dec. in regard to the oil mill, I have submitted to the Com^ee. We are all "green" in such matters; but I am authorized to invest you with a pretty large discretion.

1. If we could get a fair price for the land, it would be better to sell. This the Com^ee would prefer.

2. If this does not seem to be expedient, you may let some one bore a well on shares, we having no responsibility in the case. As to the am^t to be rec^d by us, we will leave the question with you.

In a word, what you consider to be really best, all things considered, you are authorized to do. Kind regards to Mrs. W.

Very fraternally,

Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan 2 1861

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Dakotas.

Dear Brother

I send to your direction a letter addressed to the mission. A part of it concerns you & the particularly & I wish them to have a copy to see the whole of it

In regard to the "house keeper", I can say nothing just now. We need to be in a more hopeful state, in order to favor any expenditure beyond what is necessary. I hope the Lord will deliver us from this "hard bondage" of poverty & perplexity.

Please to keep me advised of your prospects, success, &c

Fraternally Yrs

S. B. Treat

P. S. Please to forward the mission letter.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 1 1861.

To the Brethren of the
Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren

I have recd the following letters viz Dr Williamson's Nov. 23. Mr Cunningham's Dec 11. J. P. Williamson's Nov 23 (with Mr Brown's Nov 15 to J. P. W.) & Dec 18. At the proper time I recd the estimates from Mr Riggs & will first speak of these

1. Our financial prospects have become very dark again. We are pretty sure of a hard year; we may have an awful time. In these circumstances we have allowed the $2700 asked for Hazlewood & Yellow Medicine, granting $100 to Dr. W, in the belief that he will not take one cent, now or at any time, beyond what he really needs. The Comee have great confidence in the economy of the mission.

In regard to J. P. Williamson we have felt a little embarrassed. His needs seem to be natural & reasonable. A horse & wagon, as also a cheap house, he must need. But on the other hand, our receipts since Augt ~~are~~ are only one half of our expenses; & what they are to be hereafter, no man can predict

Having a due regard to the credit of the Board, they think that they ought not to grant the $700 which he asks for these equipments. They allow the $300 which he will need for his ordinary expenses. Possibly they may feel willing to aid him in this regard a few months hence. But we can promise nothing.

I trust that our young brother will look upon this disappointment as providential & therefore, wise. It may be for the increase of his usefulness that he bear the yoke so early. He has this to console him, that his trials are as nothing compared with those of great multitudes in our land. Having food & raiment, Paul was content; so much I trust he will have.

2. I am not sure that I know the feelings of all the missionaries in regard to the success of the boarding school. That being the case, I write what I propose to say with some reluctance.

It is one of our rules that every thing is to be done, as far as practicable, in the best way. If the children in the school are not making such progress as they might, it becomes a proper question, Should there be any change?

Now I have no feelings but those of respect for Mrs Ackley. But I know, from what I have seen, that it is not every person who can teach Indian children successfully. Many excellent persons, of good education, have failed; while others of inferior attainments have done better.

I do not send any instructions; I only inquire whether, on the whole, it may not be best to make a change. Probably Mrs A. would cheerfully surrender her trust, if she thought another would manage those Dakota children better than she can.

I have just rec'd a letter from Miss Anna P. Sill, who has charge of a girls' school in Rockford, Illinois. She seems to be anxious to do something for missions; & she wishes to know if we want any such aid as her pupils can render. I have replied that we have no call for single females, unless it be in your mission. Now if it is best to make a change, & Mr A. agrees thereto, Mr Riggs can open a correspondence with Miss Sill, & perhaps secure a good teacher in the spring, which is better of course than to come East. This is all that I have to say on this subject.

3. The state of the world, & of our country especially, exhorts us to be much in prayer that Christ may be

glorified in all these changes which are taking place in the earth. Our Govt is passing thro' a severe ordeal; & how it is to come out, no man can say.

If the North & South could draw asunder & keep asunder in peace I should prefer this solution. We should have no complicity with slavery; & the evil would work its own cure under the guiding hand of the Great God. But so we should be in danger of civil war. On the whole, I only desire that the Omniscient One will solve the problem for his own glory & for eternal rectitude. My wisdom does not reach far in such a matter. We shall soon know what we are to meet, whether it be a bitter contest, or an armed neutrality, or restored peace & quietness.

With affectionate greetings to all in your household, & all our Dakota friends

I am, dear brother,
Yours fraternally

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 2 1861

Rev T. S. Williamson
Dakotas —

Dear Brother

I have written a letter for the mission, which I have sent to John with the request that he will forward it. You will see it soon, therefore.

In reference to your P. S. I will say a few words. I send an abstract of donations; but you will need to look into the last Ann'l Report to find the Chhs have done quite recently p. 162.

In discussing the reflex influence of missions, I should speak of *spiritual* & non spiritual benefits. Among the last I would place 1st the gain to commerce, which *is* to *be* immense. Suppose half of Africa Christianized, what an opening for cotton fabrics! Mr Lindly says that when, 12 years ago in the Count depths of heathenism, are now sending from So. Africa to Boston for ploughs & chairs! The better protection of commerce, especially in the Pacific, is of incalculable value. (2) Gain of knowledge. How many books missionaries have published, journals, &c. &c. giving the best accounts of different countries! (3) Missionaries do more than any other class for the honor of their countries. They are the best representatives.

Spiritual Results. Of numbers of conversions from the home field much greater than is supposed. Men sail with missionaries, visit them, travel with them, & are led to Christ. Facts abound

(2) Benefit to the Chh. (a) They are sounder in the faith; no doubt of it. Missions grow out of a sound theology, & tend to perpetuate it. Missionaries turn Calvinists; they can't help it. (b) They are taught benevolence practically. They take in the world, & must do so. (c) Prayers of the chh gathered in heathen lands. (d) Noble

Miss. House Boston
Jan 2 1861.

Rev [illegible]

[illegible] Dear Brethren.

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The estimates carry up the expenses of the mission to a higher figure than I expected. I hoped that the leaving of Mr Potter would enable us to get down to a much lower point. But Allephany asks for $920 still, without an extra allowance for Jos. Reese.

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Examples of missions & Comm. Life
A Hamnet Hamill. Christians of
Madagascar.

I throw off these heads very hastily.
They may help you.

Very fraternally
Y
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 2 1861.

Rev A. Wright }
" A Gleason }

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I need not say that any thing which you can do to relieve the treasury will be very grateful to the Committee. We are very uneasy as to how we shall close the year.

[illegible] appropriations till last Tuesday, Jan. 1.

For Mr. [illegible] is voted	$600
" " Mr. Blatchford	400

In respect to the boarding school, we have taken the figures which you gave me, viz

For Mr. Spencer	$275
" " [illegible]	225
" the teacher	100
" hired woman	100
" board of the above	500

The whole, therefore, the Com^{ee} allow $2,200. This, you will remember, is the sum which you mentioned last summer.

Permit me to add, however, that it is very important that you keep your expenses within the estimates.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 3. 1861

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwas.—

Dear Brother.

It is time that you should hear in respect to the appropriations for your mission. Owing to the late day at which I recd the estimates from the other missions, the Comee did not act on the matter of the Indian appropriations till last Tuesday, Jan. 1.

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+ly that, if *possible*, you keep a *good deal* within the estimates. Our prospects, financially, are very dark. Since Aug. 1 we have rec'd just about one half of our expenses. As we look into the future, all is uncertain. The end of our political troubles no man can foresee. If they go forward, we shall *certainly* have serious embarrassment in commercial matters; & we may have a civil war, with all its disasters & horrors. Madness seems to reign at the South, at least in the cotton States; & the weakness of the President is lamentable. The next 60 days may increase the imbroglio to such a degree, that when when Lincoln shall be ready for work, he will have confusion & ruin staring him in the face.

If the North & South could *separate peaceably*, & *live* peaceably afterwards, with satisfactory relations & adjustments, I should think this preferable. But the *ifs* are a very serious difficulty. Our only hope must be in the Great God, who is "excellent in working". We have sinned against him; & if we turn unto him, with all our hearts, though it be in the day of our calamity, he will surely hear us. For his patience is wonderful, past all finding out.

What is to become of slavery, in all this contest, no one can tell. We must leave the matter to infinite Wisdom. God has his own plans, & he will operate them in his own way. Some think that the evil is to hasten, by all this fermentation, to its end; & others fear that it will become stronger than ever.

I hear but little from you & the work at Ottawah. I suppose that you are not able to write very much; but I shall always be glad to receive a line from you. Perhaps some one at the board school will favor me with a letter occasionally. It would give me pleasure to hear from Miss Spicer.

Please to assure Mrs W. [illegible], as also all your associates, of my continued remembrance of them & my Christian love [illegible], &c.,

As ever, Yours sincerely
& fraternally

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 17. 1861.

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscarora.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 3d

I rec'd last week; but on account of Mr Gordon's sickness I have not been able to see him till this A.M. He consents to your drawing for the $800.

Your previous letter has not reached me. I regret this very much, for I am left in the dark as to what you are expecting to receive from us. Please to write again, & inform me fully.

You will appreciate our position, I doubt not. Our receipts are very light; & what is to be hereafter, we know not. I trust you will make your demands upon us as low as possible. We need all the relief which we can get.

I am sorry that no arrangement

has been made for the Tuscaroras. I deem it a matter of great importance, for your & our honor, that they be not left without some provision which shall secure to them the preaching of the Gospel.

Mr Wood has had his eye upon Rev. W. Peck; but the brother is disinclined to go. I have had my eye upon another person; but I hear nothing. May not something be done before you leave?

In haste, very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston,
Jan. 17. 186

Mr B. F. Hall
Catt. Rev.d

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 14th [illegible] I have read it carefully, & would suggest the following adjustment of the matter, viz, that —

1. You give to the Asylum the articles which I have mentioned at you consider suitable prices.

2. You pay to the Board the balance (of the sum which you proposed to give) at your convenience.

In this way you will be relieved of all embarrassment; the Asylum secures a handsome donation; & we have something.

If you are anxious to close the matter, you can charge yourself with the balance in your acct. with the Asylum, & let Mr Wright credit Mr Gordon with the amt. in his

acct with the Board. In that event
Mr W. had better report the balance,
& have it acknowledged.

I suggest the method, simply because
you may be desirous to settle the
matter before you leave, & because you
would be crediting the Asylum with
the balance. I suppose that your object
will be secured, in some way just
as well as in the other.

I was not aware that you
were to leave the Asylum so soon.
Who is to take your place?

May the Lord go with you;
& may He enable you to do much
for this blessed Kingdom! What we
do will be service. We must do
it quietly.

Kind regards to all at Hall

Fraternally
yrs
S W Lear

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 29. 1861.

Rev G. Rockwood,
of Tuscarora. —

Dear Brother

Yours of the 21st. I have rec'd. Mr Gordon has honored your draft. I believe; & the $800 are paid.

As our finances are quite unpromising, I should like to know just how much more money you will expect to receive from the Treasury; & also when you will desire to receive it. Of course, we shall [illegible] have you raise as much as may be from the personal property, & at the same time relieve us in other ways.

Will there be any personal property which you will not take; if so, what shall be done with it?

It would be a great relief to us, to know that the Tuscaroras have made a satisfactory arrangement. Is it not possible?

Kind regards to Mrs R. & all. Yrs in Ch S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 14. 1861.

Rev. Cushing Eells
Forest Grove. Wash. Co
Oregon

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 28th Dec. reached me yesterday. The draft for $500 came to Mr. Gordon, I believe, some days earlier.

I am much obliged to you for the acct. which you have given me of your summer's sojourn at Waiilatpu. This pioneer life has its disagreeables; but if you can lay the foundation of a good & abiding educational establishment, you will not have lived in vain. May the Lord crown your labors with entire success!

I have noticed what you say of the Board's property at Tshimakain. We leave the matter where it is now, not doubting that Mr Walker will act wisely.

As to Clear Water, I had not heard that it was likely to prove of any special value. Of course, we shall be glad of any and which we can carefully act on in the prosecution of our work.

You mention the opinion of the Agent that the Officers of the Board had better make application to Congress. Of course, nothing can be done during the present session. We must wait, therefore, in any event.

But I should be glad to know the object of this application. Does not Clear Water stand on the same ground as the other stations? Are we not entitled to a mile square there, just as we are at Waiilatpu & Tshimakain? Does the fact that Clear Water is on an Indian Reservation make any difference? Did not our title antedate the creation of the Reservation? Is there no provision for our title in the act creating the Reservation?

I ask these questions for information. I do not precisely understand how the mile square is located. I have supposed that the claimant had some latitude as to metes & bounds. (possibly the Law settles the question) We shall need to be posted up in this matter, if we are to go to Congress.

I will say, however, that we have

a serious dread of going to Congress for any thing. We do not like the atmosphere of Washington, though devoted for Lincoln. I have no belief that he has power to cleanse that Augean stable which has become established in the Capital of the nation.

We would much prefer, therefore, to deal with the Department. But if necessary to go to our Legislature, we must try it.

The times are bad for us. We have the prospect of a very large debt at the end of the war, unless our receipts increase before long. In 6 months we have obtained about 1/3 of our needed income.

Kindest regards to your family, to Mrs Walker & his family.

As ever, very fraternally

yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 7. 1861

Hon. Caleb B. Smith,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington City.

Sir

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions has been endeavoring, for more than forty years, to improve the condition of the North American Indians. The task has proved to be one of peculiar difficulty; & the results are not such as were expected at the beginning of the enterprise. Something has been accomplished, however; & in certain tribes, especially, our missionaries have by no means labored in vain.

Among the most serious obstacles which they have encountered, in past years, may be reckoned the character & conduct of many of the employés of the United States Government. Of the persons who have received the appointment of superintendents & agents, some possessed very humble qualifications for such a position, (except their political services;) while others should have been regarded as positively & clearly disqualified by reason of their moral unsoundness.

respectfully to call your attention to the importance
of having men ~~selected~~

I am instructed by our Committee ~~to request that~~

? ~~under the new administration, (the man) who may~~ them

~~be~~ selected to represent the United States among

the Indians ~~may~~ who shall be ~~[illegible]~~ actuated by a sincere desire

to promote the welfare of this interesting people, &

fully competent, moreover, to give them all the sup=

port & encouragement which they are entitled to

receive. Such appointments, we are persuaded, will

be the most profitable for the government, as well

as the most useful to the Indians.

Permit me to say, in conclusion, that

~~we~~ have no names to present. All that we ask,

is, that honest, benevolent & capable men may be

designated for the execution of the important trust

which our government has assumed.

In behalf of the Committee
I am very respectfully
your obedient servant

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Mish. House Boston
March 12. 1861

Mrs. Anne S. Willey
Lenox, Ind. Ter.

Dear Madam

Dr. Anderson has shown me your letter of Feb. 12. Tho I have but little time to spare, I feel constrained to say that while in certain particulars my recollection agrees with yours, in some respects it differs.

1. I remember distinctly that I advised you to go back to your work cheerfully; but I do not remember saying, "there is no prospect of that you will be cut off at present". It was not like me to use such an expression. I did give you to understand, however, that I was not expecting to lay the case of your mission before the Comm^ee^ — immediately. Why? I had concluded that the relations of the mission to slavery would not justify its discontinuance; & I had no plan to propose for the action of the Com^ee^ on other grounds. I did not know whether I should ever have any such plan. Hence I might have said "At present", using the words in an indefinite sense, as expressing the uncertainty of my own mind. But I did not by any means consider the matter settled that the mission would not be discontinued, after there should have

have time for all needful inquiry & reflection. Much less could I have been guilty of the special impropriety of of intending to say any thing which could embarrass the action of the Comee when it should see its way clear to act in the premises.

2. I remember certain expressions in regard to the mission's being provided for. But (1) I could not have said any thing which would imply that we were to have any agency in transferring you to some other society. Such a course was never in my thoughts. (2) I could have meant nothing more than that you should have a reasonable time to make such arrangements as might be called for in the circumstances. This, of course, you had a right to expect. (3) The matter of future support was scarcely considered during the period of which I am speaking; for Mr Willey expressed the utmost confidence, repeatedly, that the mission would be sustained, tho' we should withdraw.

3. That I ever expressed a regret that I had discouraged the going out of an assistant, I can scarcely believe. A gentleman from Chelsea called & asked me some questions in regard to a case then pending, much to my regret. I did not wish to discourage any one from going; but I felt that I must deal hon*est*ly. From the nature of his questions, I felt bound to intimate the po*ssib*ility of the discontinuance of the mission. I did not say it to prevent your obtaining assistance

but simply to protect my own character for Christian fairness. I said expressly that if Mr W. found any one disposed to join him, we should send him. I said also that I presumed that the mission would be carried forward tho' we should retire. I am utterly unable to recall the "several instances" of which you speak.

It seems to me somewhat remarkable that my conversations should be brought forward to support the implication of a seeming want of good faith, inasmuch as it ought to have been understood, (& I supposed was understood,) that after Dr Anderson took charge of the mission, your expectations as to its continuance were to be founded upon what he said. He found that you were not satisfied with my course (I knew that Mr W. had been dissatisfied for several years) & so I concluded that you had better be brought into official relations with Dr A. at once, & sooner than I had anticipated. It was for you thenceforward to apply to him for any assurances which you might desire, respecting the continuance of your work. The problem was his, not mine. I feel that he, as well as myself, has a perfect right to object to the use which has been made of these interviews with you & Mrs W.

Trusting that you will take the same view of the subject on reflection, with kind regard to Mr W. & Miss Swain, I am very sincerely yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 16 186,

Mr J. D. Chamberlain
Chelsea Butler Co Kansas

Dear Brother

Yours of Feb 28 [illegible] [illegible]. I had received the Goodwater paper & such extracts of the Choctaw school law as were submitted to the Board at Hartford. We have the whole law, I believe, but we are having a general binding up of letters for 12 or 15 years; this paper is in the process.

I suppose we shall hear more of the great outrage at some time; I have seen Mrs C. occasionally. She told me the story. Sad enough!

Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 28 1861

Rev. A. Gleason
Cattaraugus

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 16th came the 21st when I was out of town. And had I been at home I could not have answered pertinently till today; for I could not sooner see Bro. Torrey.

He has just come from the Cher. land; & can go to Cattaraugus, if Providence shall call him to that post. His wife is in poor health, & could not go immediately. He, however, can make a beginning without her. The Senecas will wish to become acquainted with him, & he with them. Perhaps they will not desire his presence, after a trial, though I think highly of him. I am sorry that I cannot visit you; but I have so much to do that this is out of the question. Bro. Wood can go, & will, if it shall seem desirable. He is an excellent brother, & wise withal.

I am inclined to think he had better go, that there may be a perfect understanding of all matters. If you leave, & Mr Torrey takes your place, we shall wish to know how Bro. Wright is to be supported. Now, I believe the Orphan Asylum sustains one, & we one, you & we "changing work".

In regard to your leaving, my feeling is that the offer from Rochester is a very good one. The salary may seem rather small; but you will be in good hands. You will not be left to suffer; that is clear. You can do better for your family in R. than you can at Cattaraugus. In fine, I think that you will be perfectly justified in leaving the Indian work; & Providence may have brought Bro. Torrey here, just at this time, to step into your shoes.

If you decide to go to Rochester, as soon as Bro. Wright returns, let me know the fact, & Bro. Wood will visit you. Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 6 1861

Mrs Asher Wright
Catt. Res.

Dear Madam.

I learn from Mr Gleason that he has a good offer from Rochester, & I advise him to accept it. It happens that Mr Torry has just arrived from the Choc. mission, & is willing to go to Catt. if we desire it. He says, however, that Mr Ramsey is also coming, a man experienced missionary & suggests that he go there. If the Indians should be pleased with Mr R. I should like that place, as Mr Torry could easily find a settlement in V. But I am not sure that they would give Mr. R. the preference.

I learn that Mr W. is absent, which I regret. I have requested Mr Wood to visit Catt. & confer with him in regard to what should be done. In our crippled state, we want to make an economical arrangement. We should like to get along with one salary, if we can. Now we should be glad to know what Mr Wright would think best, all things considered. Will he feel able to take the whole work at Catt. i.e. the care of the ch. & orphan asylum, or will he think another man necessary? If so, will he derive his support from the asylum? I don't know that you can answer these questions. At any rate you can say when Mr W. will return, & whether Mr Wood had better go to Catt. before his return. Let me know your opinion. Very truly &c S. B. Treat

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Miss. A. Howe, Boston,

April 12 1861,

Rev. A. Gleason

Cott. Res.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 8th Inst came to me. I have been at North Brookfield holding a convention, & could not well write sooner. There is much work to be done in these days. As Mr. Wright is absent & I think we must let matters rest till his return. I do not wish to decide upon future plans, till we can have a definite understanding in regard to [illegible]

In the mean time I think you had better proceed with your plans, having no reference to Mr. Torrey's movements. When Mr Wright gets back & Bro. Wood can visit Cott. & then we shall know where we are. But you ought not to be kept in suspense. You are at liberty, therefore, to complete your arrangements at Rochester as soon as we shall think it desirable. In haste, &c &c

S. J. [illegible]

Mission House Boston

April 12 1861.

Mrs L. M. Wright

Catt. Res.

Dear Mrs W.

Yours of the 8th I have recd. It is so long since I heard any thing in regard to Mr Curtis, that I considered the matter as ended.

I purpose to let the question "what shall be done at Catt." remain till Mr Wright's return. I am anxious to have an arrangement that will be satisfactory to all. We must consider the cost of any plan, as we are likely to be hard pressed for a long time to come. Hence I am not sure in regard to the expediency of our retaining Mary Gleason.

We are under no necessity of sending Mr Torrey to Catt. He can find a settlement in Vt., if we assent to his doing so. If Mr W. were willing to take the sole charge of Catt. we should say nothing about any one's going there; but I supposed that he felt unequal to the entire burden.

Very truly Yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston April 13. 1861

Rev. N. H. Pierce
Allegheny

Dear Bro.

I have yours of the 5th of March, & reply very briefly. Some extracts from the letter you will see in the Phil. Herald. May you have much more to communicate!

Recent statements which I have heard, recently afflict me greatly, inasmuch as they weaken confidence in good men & good women. I have thought highly of Mr P. & Miss C. Have I been utterly deceived by them? I have had them at my house & given them my confidence. Were they undeserving?

If Miss C. is in Michigan, I think you had better write to her (say it is by my request, if you wish) & inform her that if she is not prepared to disprove certain allegations which are made against her, in the matter of her niece & Mr P. she had better not return to her school. If she is guilty, I think she will not be allowed to retain a place which she obtained on the strength of her missionary character.

I presume that an effort will be made to close Mr P's life as a preacher, unless he can free himself from his alleged guilt. I hope no public discussion will grow out of the matter. I am not sure as to the extent of your knowledge of this painful case. Mr [illegible] understands it fully, & will inform you.

In regard to the "time" which you mention as practicable for the relief of Jas. Pierce, I have said nothing to the Comee. Our finances are so dis=heartening that I am reluctant to lessen any of our resources. If it shall still seem desirable, you may refer to it again, & I will bring the matter before the Comee.

The times are threatening. What is to come, we know not. We need $200,000 April 1, to Where can we find it?

Kind regards to Mrs P.

Very fraternally

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S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
April 13. 1861

Rev J. P. Williamson
Dakotas.

Dear Bro.

Your favor of the 16th March has been duly rec'd. Most of it you will see in type before long. I am very thankful that you have been permitted to see a church gathered at your station at so early a day. May the Lord bestow his richest blessings upon you & your little flock! You will have special need of the presence of the Good Shepherd. He only can keep his own in perfect safety.

Our prospects are very dark. We need at least $200.000. April 1 to Aug. 1. How we can get it, I am utterly at a loss to say. But the Lord reigns; & he loves his own cause. Surely he will not forsake us in troublous times.

Your request in the matter of the Herald has been duly attended to.

Very fraternally,
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
April 15 1861

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakotas.

Dear Brother

I have rec'd your letters of Feb. 22 & March 15. I must reply briefly, as these are days of work. We have a sad prospect before us, financially. We need $200,000 April 1 to Aug. 1. How can we find it? Where can we find it?

1. I read, with special interest, what you say in regard to citizenizing the Indians. Our State, I believe, has done nothing this winter.

2. I wrote a letter to the Sec. of the Interior, early in March, urging him to appoint suitable men for the Indian offices. I don't know what effect it may have had; not much probably. I hope you will fare better than you have done in past years.

3. Prior to receipt of yours, Feb. 22, I did not know how you felt in regard to Mrs. Ackley. I knew that Dr. W. & Mr. C. thought her unequal to the place; hence I wrote as I did. I am glad that the matter has issued as it has, without wounding her feelings.

4. I am glad that you have decided your other [illegible] so quietly to all concerned. You have now three others connected with your mission. May the Lord increase them greatly!

5. The Com^ee authorize you to deduct $75 from the avails of the mill, as you propose, i.e. $25 for the Cecily & $50 for the 2 boys

6. As to suing Mr Gault, we have no moral scruples. If men will not pay notes, fairly obtained, the law may be allowed to make them, we think. But we do not wish to have a lawsuit that will "cost more than it comes to." Perhaps Mr Gault will give ~~some~~ new security, another note perhaps with a new name, if time is allowed him. Is there not some person who can manage the matter at Traverse, with the understanding that we do not wish to pay any expenses? & he must not bring in a bill against us? This is then the idea, "Get the money, if you can fairly, without risk of costs &c."

Affectionate regards to Mrs. W. & all with you.

Very fraternally

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S. B. Treat

P.S. Please to thank Dr. Williamson for his letter of Feb. 21. He will have seen it in the April Herald. As there is nothing in his communication which requires a specific reply, I trust he will excuse my not writing to him at this time.

S.B.T.

Miss. House, Boston, April 16

Rev. L. H. Wheeler

Odanah.

Dear Bro.

Some time since I rec'd a letter from Rev. Spencer, informing me of your illness; as I have heard nothing since, I infer that you are better, & hope indeed that you are much better.

I ought to have written to you earlier, perhaps; but we are living in strange times; & obtaining money to carry forward our operations is no light matter. Our prospects are exceedingly dark; & I know not how we are to meet our expenditures, unless the chhs will come to our relief.

Mr. Allen has written to me, resigning his post in connection with the boarding school. This is quite unexpected to me; & I fear that it will occasion some perplexity & disappointment at Odanah. It will be almost impossible for us to find a successor, at any time

Miss. House, Boston
April 13, 1861.

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Odanah.

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The matter of reducing our expenses at Odanah may come up for consideration in these times of pressure & apprehension. What can be done in this direction? Suppose you were to give yourself to the work of getting as much from the U. S. Govt. as you can, what success could you expect? If there is a prospect of doing much in this particular, it would be more important than missionary labor just in this crisis. Perhaps it would be favorable to your health likewise. Think of it. I have not time to go into the subject, but shall be glad to hear from you.

Affectionate regards to Mrs W. & all with you, Henry Blatchford &c.

Fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

P.S. Please to thank Miss Spain for her letter which I have read with interest & pleasure since you are unable to write much; I hope you will induce her to supply your lack of service.

S.W.S.

Miss. House
April 13

Rev. D. A. Stever
Odanah.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Jan. 18 I rec'd about two months ago. I should have answered it earlier, but my hands are full of business in these times of trial & apprehension. Our finances occupy our thoughts a great deal of the time. We need $200,000 April 1 to Aug. 1 & we are at our wits' end to obtain so large a sum.

I was sorry to receive notice of your intention to resign. It was entirely unexpected to me; but I have no doubt that you have acted conscientiously. I hope your leaving will not embarrass the operations at Odanah. Indian missions are troublesome at the best; & we have no need, therefore, of any extra derangements.

Mr Wheeler has not written to me for some time. I do not know, therefore, what is plans are in regard to supplying your place. In fact, I am not apprised of the state of his health this spring. Something of will depend upon that. If he should be unable to commence in October, the inquiry to [illegible] – then would [illegible] my [illegible].

Praying that the God of missions will keep & bless you during all your pilgrimage, & with kindest regards to Mrs. M., I am

Very fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

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I think it likely that the [illegible] would [illegible] him, in accordance with its rules; but the amount furnished would be insufficient, [illegible]

Another way occurs to me, [illegible] is, that he stay at Hanover, & pursue his studies as well as he can, after the old methods. I am not aware of any objection that would lie against using the Scotch fund in such circumstances. Do you know of any?

Very respectfully
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 27, 1861.

Rev. N. Lord D.D.
Hanover N.H.

My dear Sir

Yours of the 22 I have rec^d. — In respect to what we can do for Dhuyami, I am obliged to say that we have no fund for such a use.

I thought it likely that the Ed. Soc. would aid him, in accordance with its rules; but the am^t. furnished would be insufficient.

No other way occurs to me, save this, viz. that he stay at Hanover, & pursue his studies as well as he can, after the old method. I am not aware of any objection that would lie against using the Scotch fund in such circumstances. Do you know of any?

Very respectfully
Y^rs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 27th 1861

Rev C. C. Torrey
Reading Mass

Dear Bro.

In reply to your note of the 23d I may say that I expect to be at home next week, the first half, if not all of it, from Tuesday P.M. You know, as you [illegible] time, things more than I said in [illegible] I have said nothing in regard to the Senecas, owing to the absence of Mr Wright. It is desirable that he should be at home, I think, before any thing is settled. The delay may be irksome to you; but if you feel that you ought to accept a call, to establish a home, rather than continue as you are, I shall not blame you for carrying out your wishe. If your [illegible] as well [illegible], I hope you will. Very truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
May 14. 1861.

Mr D. I. Miner
Ojibwas.

Dear Brother

Since my letter of April 23, it has occurred to me that you would like to have a formal release from your connection with the Board, & that you expected something more than I said in that communication. Hence I have brought the matter before the Com^tee this afternoon, & they have granted Mrs M. & yourself a formal release. You will be at liberty, therefore, to leave the mission at your own convenience. I pray the Great Head of the Church to bestow his richest blessings upon you during your earthly pilgrimage. May grace, mercy & peace be multiplied to you even to the end!

Very fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
May 15. 1861.

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Odanah. Wis.

Dear Brother

Since mine of the 13th ult. I have recd the mission letter of April 6, & yours of March 17 & April 16. You may have seen mine to Mr. Miner of April 13. in which I assumed that he was to leave. Yesterday I wrote to him, informing him that he duly released from his connection with the Board. I did not like to do this till I had heard from you. Mrs. M. is included in the release.

I hope you will be able to carry out your plan of conducting the boarding school with the present force. We shall rejoice in the economy of the arrangement; & you will have less friction.

We are expecting a hard time financially. We shall probably close the year with a considerable debt; & after that the prospect is worse still. This war cannot terminate at once; & the pecuniary derangement must be sad & seriously embarrassing. But we shall labor in hope. Any thing that you can do to relieve us, will be very grateful to our feelings. We need all the help we can get.

In regard to your sons. we allow $60 a year to the sons of missionaries in the U. S. under 18 years of age, while pursuing their education, if such aid is needed. If you send your boys to Cleveland, they would be considered as coming within the rule. In regard to the one who is now 18. I think the Com^ee would make a single grant of $60 to him, though above the prescribed age.

Glad to hear that your health is improving this summer; but I fear that I shall not be able to visit you. I should have done so, probably, had the times been propitious; but now my chief occupation is that of a beggar. I must do all I can to secure funds.

Kind regards to Mrs W. & Miss Spooner, your children & your associates, including Henry, of course.

Very fraternally

Yr

S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
May 27. 1861

John Tawse, Esq.
Edinburgh.

Dear Sir.

As this is the day for the meeting of your Com.e in America, they assembled in the Miss. House, & transacted the ordinary business. The account of Dr. Lord has been duly examined & approved; & I am authorized to draw for the amt. expended during the year, viz $624.56. The bill will reach you at an early day.

I send herewith a copy of Dr. Lord's letter, which, I have no doubt, will give your Society very great pleasure. I am directed by your Com.e to inquire whether there is any way in which your Society can assist Duncan in his theological studies. Our Country is in such a state that it will be difficult to obtain aid for him in the U.S. On the other hand, I doubt whether any one will go to Hanover, just now, to take advantage of the fund which you have in charge, as a new beneficiary. Two questions arise. (1) Is it in your power to aid him in one of our northern seminaries, to be approved by Dr. Lord? &, if not, (2.) can you support him at Hanover, while pursuing his studies with some competent teacher (a minister) to be approved by Dr. Lord? I have my serious doubts whether you can expend your money upon any young man who gives so much promise of usefulness.

I am aware that you are restricted by the conditions of your trust; & perhaps you cannot appropriate money for a seminary student. If you can, this would be the preferable mode. But may you not, at least, support Duncan at Hanover, while studying for the ministry?

I remain, & so on, very respectfully
& truly yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. of Com.e in America

May 27. 1861

The U. S. Com.e of the Society in Scotland for promoting Christian Knowledge have just had their annual meeting. Your accounts have been duly approved, & herewith I enclose our Treasurer's check for $620.54, the balance stated by you.

The Com.e expressed their satisfaction with the account which you gave of the young men, Duncan & Blaney; they directed me to report the matter of aiding Duncan in his theological studies to the Soc. in Scotland, which I shall do by the earliest mail.

I remain very respectfully
Yours
S. B. Treat

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Rev. N. Lord DD
Hanover NH.

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The U. S. Com.ee of the Society in Scotland for Promoting Christian Knowledge have just had their annual meeting. Your account has been duly approved; & herewith I send our Gordon's check for $624.50, the amt of the bills reported by you.

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I remain very respectfully
y. S.
S. B. Treat